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Restoration of Parliament

No solution yet

HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah was quoted on Monday as saying the government had no preconceived plans on the possible restoration of an elected Parliament.

"The government has no cut-and-dried solution or approaches before the dialogue ends," said Sheikh Saad in statements published in the Kuwaiti press. "Some people are circulating rumours which the government is not willing to

discuss because they are not true."

Sheikh Saad's latest statements were made to local journalists whom he invited to a Ramadan fast-breaking banquet in the course of the dialogue. The dialogue's final round was started on Saturday with representatives of Kuwaiti

"I am satisfied with the way the dialogue is being conducted," Sheikh Saad

He said Saturday's meeting "showed the existence of mutual understanding as to the importance of the current dialogue on the issue of the return of the Parliament and averting the drawbacks of the previous experiments."

The Kuwaiti Parliament was dissolved in 1986 while the country was target of Iranian threats at the height of the 1980-88 Iraq-Iran war.

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Anti-nuclear weapons: A senior Arab military expert urged Arab states to develop at least anti-nuclear weapons to achieve a power balance with Israel, an Abu Dhabi publication reported Monday.

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Jews arrive in Israel: About 1,000 Soviet Jewish immigrants arrived in Israel on Sunday in a Passover airlift from Eastern Europe by the Israeli, Romanian and Hungarian airlines.

Israeli military censors said they had temporarily lifted censorship on coverage of Soviet Jewish arrivals ahead of the week-long lewish holiday commemorating the Biblical exodus of the Israelites from slavery in

Egypt.
Officials at Ben-Gurion airport near Tel Aviv said 500 more Soviet
Jews would arrive on Monday before the start of Passover on Monday

Compensation for 'death': A Cairo labourer was shocked and surprised when he received more than \$6,000 from Saudi Arabia to compensate for his death there in an accident 10 months, Egyptian newspapers reported on Monday.

said the man, named as Fathi Abdel-Aziz, reported to police that Saudi Arabian authorities sent him personal belongings, compensation money worth 25,000 Saudi riyals for his family and a document confirming that he had been burried.

Europe

Latvia to declare independence: Latvia will join its Baitic neighbours in declaring independence from the Soviet Union, the head of the current Latvian Parliament predicted on Monday.

Anatolijs Gorbunovs, president of the Latvian Supreme Soviet, told a news conference he believed the split in the Latvian Communist Party over the weekend would only boost the drive for independence from the

"It is difficult to say what kind of independence the deputies will declare, but about the fact that independence will be declared, about that I have no doubts," he said during a visit to Switzerland to attend a

symposium on Latvia. (Reuter) Earlier Report Page 6

Greek right form government: Greece's Conservative Party, one seat short of an absolute majority in Parliament after Sunday's election, won the support of a single centrist deputy on Monday and can

now form its first government since 1981.

Leader of the centrist Diana Party, Costis Stefanopoulos, said he would support the conservative New Democratic Party in Parliament

after meeting its leader, Constantine Mitsotakis. Diana will support a New Democratic government in Parliament,"

he told reporters. That gives New Democracy a 151 absolute majority in the 300-seat Parliament. (Reuter)

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Scandinavian Star toll 200: Rescuers found bodies, many of them children, piled several deep in cabins of the gutted ferry Scandinavian Star on Monday and police said the death toll could rise to 200. The toll from the blaze which engulfed the ferry south of Oslo Fjord on Saturday is still officially 75 dead and 60 missing but about 100 bodies have already been taken off the ship and police said as many as 50 to 100

Earlier Report Page 5

Ferry catches fire, 1 dead: The ferry Noronna Williams docked safely in west Wales early Monday after a "mystery" fire in which a crewman died and a number of passengers were airlifted off by

nescopters.

Fire engines and two ambulances were standing by on the quayside while 200 passengers and 78 crew waited to disembark.

An investigation began into the cause of the blaze which broke out 34 miles out in the Irish Sea on the way to the Irish republic.

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UK prison riots: Inmates at seven more British prisons rebelled against their guards Sunday in attempt to show solidarity with a group of against their guards Sunday in attempt to show solidarity with a group of prisoners who have occupied the Strangeways prison for eight days.

The spreading disturbances, including one that began Saturday evening at Dartmoor prison 180 miles (290 km) west of London, put the British penal system through one of its worst days ever. "The British prison system has survived very well a very testing day today," Home Office Minister David Mellor said.

Details Page 5

IRA blast mine; 4 dead: Four British soldiers were killed on Monday when an IRA mine blew their heavily-armoured Land Rover off a country lane in the bloodiest guerrilla attack of the year in Northern



His Highness the Amir on Sunday inspected the newly inaugurated old market in downtown Kuwait. The Amir was accompanied by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, Defence and

Misha'al Al Ahmed Al Jaber, Sheikh I Ahmed and Sheik Majid Jaber Hmoud A! Jabar.

His Highness was received upon arrival by Public Works



Sheikh Nawaf said "Kuwait's army is an army for the whole Arab nation and is ready for sacrifice to confront any

aggression targetting any Arab land."

Kuwait's army, he added, "is prepared to move to any place in the Arab world to perform its national duty as it has done in confronting aggression by the Zionists on Egypt and Syria."

The strongly-worded statements by the defence minister followed an official statement by the Foreign Ministry in which it said Kuwait sides with Iraq against a Western media campaign designed to turn world public opinion against Iraqi legitimate rights tobuild up defensive weapons.

Kuwait nod to investment

By Diana Abou Haider

Arab Times staff

first time enables foreign residents to invest in Kuwaiti compan-

ies through investment funds, the Minister of State for Cabinet

Al Rashed, speaking to reporters after a regular weekly session, said that non-Kuwaitis, subject to certain rules, will be

allowed to invest their money in "financial and real estate funds"

He did not give further details, but economists and bankers

said the measure was intended to benefit from the savings of non-

Kuwaitis, as the government endeavours to reactivate the coun-

An economic panel set up by the government for restructuring the economy, recently recommended the setting up of such funds and allowing non-Kuwaiti residents to trade shares at the stock

Foreign workers and their families make up 60 per cent of

The "unit trusts law," approved on Sunday, only needs formal

Jasem Khaled Al Sadoun, general manager of Alshall Econ-

Sadoun called on future investment funds to look for new investment opportunities by buying and developing existing

"Some funds will succeed in the beginning and fail in the

omic Consultants, said that these investment funds are a step in

companies in an attempt to make both financial and economic

medium and long terms, others will not make a lot of profit in the

beginning but will succeed in the long term," predicted Sadoun adding that it is important for people to know that an efficient

management with the right investment orientation is a must for a

Abdul Rahman Al Humood, general manager of Alshall Real

Estate Consultancy and Services said that the new legislation will

enable future investment funds to invest 25 per cent of its funds

Kuwait's 1.8 million population. So far they have been barred

from trading shares or buying real state. These funds would now

Affairs Rashed Abdul-Aziz Al Rashed said.

which will be traded on the local stock market.

enable them to do so indirectly.

signature by HH the Amir.

proved legislation that for the

The Amir spent some time at the diwaniya of elderly people inside the complex where he had coffee and congratulated the audience on the occasion of Ramadan.

 HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah received on Monday at his diwan at the Bayan Palace, chairman and members of the Kuwait Journalists Association on the occasion of electing

Shared destiny with Iraq: Nawaf

'Kuwait's Army is Arab and prepared for sacrifice' Iraq to expel US diplomat; Saddam vows weapons use only in self defence

KUWAIT'S Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Jaber has declared that any aggression on Iraq is an "aggression against all the Arab nation and every Arab individual."

Speaking in an interview with weekly Al Yaqatha published in this week's edition, Sheikh

Nawaf said Iraq has the right to "practice its full sovereignty over Iraqi lands and block mobilisation of evil and aggressive forces against its territory. "If Iraq had to act to support this right (of self defence) and to emphasise the principle of national sovereig-nty, then this is not a matter that

should be viewed as a violation of the rights of others," Sheikh Nawaf told the magazine. Iraq, meanwhile, has moved to counter Israeli and Western fears that it might attack Israel with that it inight attack israet with chemical weapons but said yesterday it was expelling an American diplomat in a further sign of worsen-ing relations with the West. President Saddam Hussen was

reported as saying that his country's intentions were peaceful and his warning that it might destroy half of

"Any weapon we possess ... would not be used but for self-defence ... peace is a fixed slogan in our policy and in our programme," the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted

him as saying.

Egyptian President Hosni
Mubarak, the main bridge between
the Arabs, Israel and the West, met Saddam in Baghdad on Saturday in a bid to calm Middle East tensions after the Iraqi president's April 2 chemical weapons threat and sub-

sequent Israeli muscle-flexing.
Mubarak later proposed that all weapons of mass destruction should be eliminated from the region — a broad hint that Iraq is not the only state in the region which posseses

President Saddam Hussein confirmed on April 2 that his country possessed chemical weapons and threatened to "let our fire eat half of Israel if it tries to wage anything against Irao."

INA quoted Saddam as telling reporters accompanying Mubarak on Saturday he would only use his arms, including chemical weapons, for self defence.

expelling an American diplomat was the latest twist in a series of disputes with the West, beginning with Iraq's execution of London-based Iranianborn journalist Farzad Bazost on charges of spying.
This was followed by the United

States and Britain accusing Iraq of attempting to smuggle US-made capacitors that could be used as triggers for nuclear weapons. Iraq says the devices were for other uses and has denied it was trying to make a nuclear bomb.

inuclear bomb.

INA said Iraq was expelling the unnamed US diplomats in retaliation for Washington's expulsion of an Iraqi diplomat at the United

It quoted a Foreign Ministry spok-esman as denying US charges that the Iraqi diplomat, who was not named, was linked to an alleged plot to kill two opponents of the Iraqi The spokesman saw a link between

the US expulsion of the Iraqi diplomat and what he said was an anti-Iraqi campaign in the West. He said the expulsion "cannot be isolated from the series of feverish campaigns to harm Iraq in such a way that serves the aggressive goals of Israel."

Nepal free!

Joy as Birendra bows

to celebrate a royal proclamation establishing a multiparty political system.

Following the announcement of King Birendra's action on government-run radio and television stations shortly before midnight yesterday, thousands of residents of Katmandu cheered and whistled

Crocodile 'Dandy

KATMANDU, April 9, (AP): Tens of thousands from rooftops. Many people burned torches, and of Nepalese paraded through Katmandu today fireworks exloded in the night sky in this mountain-

At the army hospital, B.M. Bajracharya said his brother-inlaw, Pusparatna Shakya, was shot and killed by government troops when he rushed out of his house into the curfew-bound streets upon hearing the royal

But the doctor said the people who came to the hospital told him government forces opened fire in at least three neighbour-

Violence which led to the curfew erupted on Friday when tens of thousands of democracy protesters marched on the royal palace and were halted with security force gunfire.

ment for the Restoration of

the opposition would begin talks today with the government on

night before the announcement was made.

Hamas insists PLO scuttle peace policy

181 PNC seats sought

with Israel.

AMMAN, April 9, (Reuter): Muslim militants waging war against Israel in the occupied territories say the PLO should abandon the pursuit of peace with the Jewish state before it would agree to fall in line with mainstream Palestinians.

outside Kuwait.

A spokesman for the Palestine National Council said yesterday that Hamas, the Islamic resistance movement, told Palestinian leaders in Amman that it would join the PNC only if it abandoned the peace strategy.

Radical Palestinian leaders, ising in the occupied territories. At its last session in Algiers in

who agree with its political aims, had earlier called on Hamas to join the PLO-dominated unified leadership of the anti-Israeli upr-

memorandum to the Amman meeting, called to discuss how to revise membership of the 451strong PNC, that it wanted twofifths of the seats to reflect what it saw as its strength in the occupied

November 1988, the PNC, the

Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion's parliament-in-exile.

declared an independent Pales-

tinian state that would co-exist

The movement said in a

Ramadan timings

West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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India sectarian riots escalate

Australian film star Paul Hogan (right) and leading lady Linda Kozlowski arrive at Sydney airport April 9. Hogan and Kozlowski who starred in 'Crocodile Dundee' films will marry on Australia's north coast in May. (Reuter

media policy of not publicising religious differences. But Hindus and Muslims have been clashing in the state since the first week of March after a Hindu boy, who was in love with a Muslim girl, was stabbed to

Today's death brought the total number of people killed in Hindu-Muslim violence this year to 66. Gujarat accounted for 62 deaths. The other killings occurred in the eastern state of Bihar and in New Delhi.

Eighty two per cent of India's 880 million people are Hindus, while 12 per cent

Meanwhile, the central government despatched more than 1,300 paramilitary police to Ahmedabad to augment a state force of about the same strength that

NEW DELHI, April 9, (AP): Hindus and Muslims clashed in the western state of Gujarat today and news reports said at least seven people died. At least four people were killed in Ahmedabad, the largest city in the state, and three more died in Baroda, United News of India said.

The agency did not identify the victims by their religion in keeping with Indian

SRINAGAR, April 9. (Reuter): One person was killed and four were wounded when Indian paramilitary police fired on crowds defying a curiew to protest against a massive manhunt for kidnappers in Srinagar today, police said. Security forces were conducting house-to-house scar-

afternoon.

The Jammu and Kashmir Students Liberation Front (JKSLF), which has claimed responsibility for the abductional students but 3 rep. today (0930). tions, said it will kill the hostages by 3 pm today (0930 GMT) if the government does not release three jailed

militants by then.

More than 200 people have been arrested in the search

for the kidnappers, an official spokesman said.

Anthorities have imposed a 24-hour curfew with no breaks on Srinagar, summer capital of India's Jammu and Kashmir state, since the kidnappings on Friday afternoon. State officials said police so far have no clues on the

Indian security forces yesterday raided the hideout of a leader of Kashmir's independence movement and cap-tured six people, including four top militants.

commander of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), escaped capture after jumping from the fourth storey of the house, suffering internal injuries.

was being taken by ambulance to hospital. Chagrined security forces today stopped and searched

the police officer who was entrusted to take Malik to

hospital.

JKLF chief spokesman Javed Ahmed Mir said Malik

Musheer-ul-Haq, vice-chancellor of Kashmir Univer-

More than 200 people have been killed in Kashmir since mid-January when Muslim militants intensified their campaign for independence from India.
The daughter of Indian Home Minister Musti Moham-

mad Sayeed was kidnapped in December and freed five days later after the government released five jailed Kash-

ous Himalayan kingdom. "This is the people's victory," many chanted. Rock and roll music boomed from radios in many But amid the tumultuous joy, relatives wept silently at two hospitals to mourn the deaths of a man and a boy who were shot the night before. The shootings came shortly after King Birendra made the

proclamation on television

A 12-year-old boy also was shot to death, his sister said at Bir hospital. Doctors at the hospital said five other people were being treated for bullet wounds.

The people who brought the shooting victims to the hospital reported at least 10 other people had been killed and their bodies taken away by the troops, according to the doctors who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Nepal's opposition Move-

Democracy (MRD), a pragmatic alliance of the liberal Nepali Congress Party and seven small communist factions, all banned until last night, was flushed with A Nepali Congress source said

forming an interim government. Four top opposition leaders met King Birendra Saturday

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Police shoot curfew violators, raid hideout of Kashmir independence leader

ches for the kidnappers of three people, including the vice-chancellor of the local university, abducted on Friday whereabouts of the hostages.

But Muhammad Yascen Malik, the newly named chief

Indian state television said yesterday Malik was believed to have been killed. But police in Srinagar today said Malik escaped as he

ambulances, and city hospitals have been cordoned off in an apparent attempt to recapture him. A senior official said stern action will be taken against

was safe and recovering in another hideout.

sity, was hauled out of his car at gunpoint on Friday.
A senior official of the Hindustan Machine Tools watch factory and his secretary were seized around the same time in another part of Srinagar, hotbed of anti-Indian insur-

Demo in Mongolia despite decree

BEIJING, April 9, (Agencies): Mongolian President Punsalmaagiin Ochirbat has banned demonstrations that threaten state security or disrupt public tranquility, the official news-

paper Unen said yesterday.
China's official Xinhua news agency, reporting from the Mongolian capital of Ulan Bator, quoted Unen as saying the regulation came in the form of a president decree.

It appeared intended to head off protests by Mongolia's fledgling opposition parties during an extraordinary congress of the ruling communist party scheduled to consider political reforms beginning tomorrow.

But residents in the capital said by telephone that about 3,000 people massed in the city's central Sukhbator square despite the decree to protest against the government and demand faster democratic changes.

The regulation says Mon-

golian citizens can take part in demonstrations and railies aimed at developing and consolidating the state apparatus and in the interests of the working people," Xinhua said paraphrasing it. Applications for demonstrations must be submitted to local governments a week in advance.

The regulation bans demonstrations that "are against the state constitution, detrimental to friendship with other countries and to the unity of the Mongolian people, threatening state security or people's safety and disrupting people's tranquility or the normal work of a government department," Xinhua said.

The country whose friend Mongolian leaders prize is the Soviet Union. Mongolia's patron ever since it helped a small Mongol revolutionary army win independence from China in 1921.

New opposition groups have held repeated demonstrations in Ulan Bator's central square since late last year to demand democratic reform following the example of Eastern Europe.

In response, Mongolia's ruling communist party shuffled top party and government ranks in March and promised free elections, but the opposition groups said they did not trust the party and will continue to demon-

At last month's annual session of the communist-dominated legislature, the great people's nurai, many deputies denounced the demonstrations as disruptive and called for a law to regulate



King Birendra announced that he was lifting a 30-year-old ban on opposition political parties after meeting with opposition leaders. (Reuter wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sajad in Amman: Pakistan's Shura council speaker Wasim Sajad conferred in Amman Sunday with Jordanian monarch King Hussein on Mideast developments and means of boosting Islamic solidarity.

An announcement said that they discussed dangers of the So let Jewish emigration to occupied Palestine and the importance of resisting that new Zionist threat to the Palestine cause and the Arab countries. Sajad further conveyed a message from his president to King Hussein on issues of concern to the Islamic peoples and bilateral co-operation between Jordan and Pakistan. (Kuna)

Indian electrocuted: An Indian man was electrocuted Sunday when he placed his brother's suitcase on a baggage scale at Bombay's

international airport, Press Trust of India said.

Farooq Abdullah, 40, was killed when he touched the weighing machine at Sahar airport, the news agency said. He was checking the bag for his brother, who was flying to an undetermined Saudi Arabian

Airport authorities checked other baggage scales and found a second machine that also was giving electrical shocks, Press Trust quoted airport sources as saying. (AP)

15 hurt in fight for cigarettes: Fifteen people were injured in as bandits, smugglers and villagers lought over foreign digarettes worth about 51 million at a village in the southern Chittagong district of Bangladesh in the last two days, the Bengali daily Inqilab said today. Five of the injured were in serious condition and had been admitted

Bus-truck crash kills 13: A mustbas collided with a truck on the ancient Grand Trunk road outside Islamabad on Sunday, killing 13 people and injuring six, police said.

All the casualties were traveiling in the bus; the driver of the truck fled the scene, according to Pakistan's official news agency. The Grand Trunk road links Pakistan's border city of Peshawar to

India's teeming western city of Calcuita It was made famous in the West by author Rudyard Kipling, whose protagonist in the book "Kim" wandered through India on the Grand Trunk

Today, many cars travel the road at break-neck speeds, swerving around horse-drawn carts, bicycles and motorised rickshaws.

Number of murders in US up in 1989

WASHINGTON, April 9, (AP): The number of murders in the United States increased 4 per cent last year, up from the 3 per cent rise the year before, according to FBI

Overall, violent crimes increased 5 per cent while property crimes rose 2 per cent, according to the figures released yesterday by FBI Director William S. Sessions.

The statistics are based on reports to police of crime index offences: Murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft and arson. The FBI did not release statistics on the number of murders or other crimes, just the percentage

changes.

While many may think a smaller city is safer, that didn't hold true for murder.

The number of murders in cities of 10,000 to 49,999 increased a whopping 12 per cent last year. At the same time, cities of 50,000 to 99,999 saw a 5 per cent decline.

For larger cities, the number of murders rose 8 per cent in cities of 100,000 to 249,999; 2 per cent in cities of 250,000 to 499,000; and 7 per cent in cities of 500,000 and more.

The number of murderers declined 3 per cent in rural areas and in cities of fewer than 10,000 people, and decreased 2 per cent in suburban areas.



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4. Salmiya Salem Al Mubarak St., close to Sultan Center, Opp. Fulfulet Americana.

Nepal ban on parties

KATMANDU, April 9, (UPI): More than 100,000 jubilant Nepalese poured into the streets of Katmandu today waving flags and shouting slogans in celebra-tion of King Birendra's decision to allow multi-party democracy

in the kingdom.

Many of the revelers apparently forgot the city was still under a curfew last night but authorities did not. Police opened fire in several areas, killing at least two people, hospital sources and witnesses said.

The curfew was lifted at dawn today and residents quickly filled the streets, many to celebrate their victory and others to go about business. The Hindu king-dom's shrines were filled with worshippers.

"We're all very happy that the partyless system has been removed," said Guna Midni Ranjit, 56, owner of the G.N. Cold Store in Katmandu. "Now things will be better because people will have political freedom freedom to speak, to do any-

thing."

The king announced his decision to lift a 29-year ban on political parties last night, following six weeks of often violent clashes between pro-democracy demonstrators and police that have left at least 50 dead. Residents of Kathmandu

shouted from their rooftops and exploded firecrackers when they heard the news. The celebrations intensified

this morning when the 48-hour curfew was lifted and Nepalese could leave their houses.
"We feel very proud today,"

said Sarajit Lama, waving the red and white flag of the Nepali Con-gress Party. "We are free for the first time in 30 years." Thousands of people waved flags of other once-banned parties as they walked or rode

through the city streets.

Hundreds of people went to Bir hospital in the hopes of seeing the movement's ailing leader Ganesh Man Singh, 75, head of the Nepali Congress Party.

"For the last 30 years we've had to struggle for this day.' Singh said, sitting on the edge of his hospital bed in crowded room 14. "Now the day has come." Singh said the next step will be

to organise a multi-party political system. To maintain it will be more difficult," he said.

Manmohan Adhikary, secretary general of Marxistorientated Nepal Community Party called Birendra's announcement "a partial victory." The constitution has to be

made more democratic and the government needs to function in a responsible and democratic manner," he said at the hospital.

The pro-democracy movement was launched Feb 18 by the Nepali Congress Party and seven leftist parties. Since then the Nepalese kingdom of 19 million has been beset by widespread strikes, violent demon-strations and the forced closing of schools.

Hundreds of tourists joined the crowds, cheerfully letting Nepalis daub them with the red powder which Hindus use to celebrate auspicious occasions.

But hotel managers said many of their guests were still trying to leave. "We are looking at a very bleak situation for the next months, the next one month at least,"

Dhaka lifts journal ban

DHAKA, April 9, (Reuter): President Hossain Mohammad Ershad today lifted bans on one daily and two weekly newspapers after an appeal from editors and journalists, Bangladesh's official BSS news agency said.
"President Ershad expressed

hope (at a meeting with the editors and journalist union leaders) that the publications will practise responsible journal-ism," it added.

The government banned the

Meillat Daily last December, accusing it of inciting people to topple Ershad, who seized power in a 1982 bloodless coup.

Meillat is owned by retired army colonel Syed Faruk Reehman, who helped lead a bloody coup in 1975 in which Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the country's first president, was assassinated with most members of his family.

Publication of the weekly Ashe Din Jai was halted last August after complaints it had ridiculed Islam.

People jubilant over democratic victory Unrest in far western China

Official sources neither confirm nor deny

BEIJING, April 9, (AP): Ethnic disturbances have taken place recently in Muslim areas of China's far western border with the Soviet Union: a Western diplomat confirmed today.

The diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said an official from the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region had acknowledged there was truth to reports of civil unrest coming out of the area. The diplomat could provide no other details of the distur-

past few days around Kashgar. a bazaar city near China's arid border with the Soviet republics of Tadzhikistan and Kirghizia.

Officials of the Foreign Affairs Office in Urumqi, the

bances, which took place in the

capital of Xinjiang, neither confirmed nor denied the disturbances, saying only that it was "not clear" when asked whether troops had been sent in to quell

An official of Xinjiang's government office in Beijing, asked if reports that Kashgar had been closed to foreigners were true, replied, "I don't know.

The China International Tourist Service claimed foreign tourists could still go to Kashgar, but said they would have to take an 1,100 km (700-mile) bus trip from Urumqi.

The Chinese government has barred all foreign journalists and diplomats from travelling to Xinjiang since the outbreak of ethnic unrest in adjacent republics of the Soviet Union.

More than half Xinjiang's population of 14 million are from the Uygur, Hui and other Muslim groups with close ethnic ties to Soviet Muslims. There were violent Muslim

riots in Urumqi last May, and relations between local minorities and the Beijing government have long been tense.

The sparsely populated desert province also borders Tibet, another province where resentment against Chinese rule has erupted into violence in recent years.

Xinjiang officials in recent months have repeatedly warned of separatists trying to the trouble.

Xinjiang's delegates to the concluded annual session of China's legislature called to increased vigilance against small number of separations present the greatest threat in Xinjiang's stability.

The region's community party chief, Song Handang, sail after a tour of Kashgar and other areas of southern Xingiang in February that teven place and work unit now has some that spot problems. some 'hot spot' problems.

He called for strengthened control over religious activities saying the government must be allow religion to be used in promote separatist fendencies

Manila hunts for coup leader Bibit

Military tightens security in stockades

MANILA, April 9, (Reuter): Philippine security forces spread out a dragnet across Manila today in a hunt for alleged coup leader Billy Bibit, and rebel soldiers called his prison escape a big boost to their efforts to oust President Corazon Aquino.

The military tightened security in stockades, ran a headcount of prisoners and curtailed visits to prevent any further escape of rebel

soldiers who nearly toppled Aquino in a coup attempt last December.
"We have sent our agents to different places. There are several areas Black-hooded rebel soldiers shot their way into Manila's main jail before dawn yesterday and released Bibit. They surprised guards who were drinking beer, with money Bibit himself

had given them, to celebrate the birthday of deputy warden Major Manuel Roxas, investigators said. The military sacked the jail's chief warden and is interrogating Roxas and two other guards to

find out if police officers con-

nived in the escape.
"Today, we spitted in the face of the Aquino regime and urinated on the feet of her mercenary generals," a rebel faction calling itself the "Young Officers Union" (YOU) mocked the Aquino government in a statement sent to news offices

It said the commando rescue operation "is enough to prove the absurdity" of government claims rebels could no longer mount another coup attempt.

The daring operation came a day after the military declared a nationwide red alert for the Easter holidays amid rumours rebel soldiers might attack army stockades to free jailed comrades or launch a new coup.

An angry Aquino, who has survived six coup attempts, ordered an immediate investigation into Bibit's escape.
In a speech celebrating the "Day of Heroism" today,
Aquino said Filipinos would res-

ist further attempts by rebel soldiers to seize power.

"Our gallant soldiers have fought off several attempts by traitors masked in reformists' clothes to grab power from duly constituted authorities," she "Unarmed citizens have

openly announced they are ready to resist further attempts to coerce us into a way of life we have not elected. It is my greatest hope to see that all citizens shall stand up and Jenounce all acts that threaten (our) liberty," she Bibit, who was captured at his

Manila hideout last January, is the second officer, allegedly involved in the coup, to escape from prison in six weeks. Half a dozen other rebel sol-

diers have escaped from detention over the past two years, sparking widespread media criti-cism of the military.

Colonel Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, the alleged leader of the August 1987 and last December's rebellion, himself escaped from his prison ship in 1988 by allegedly persuading his guards to join the rebel movement. The military claimed Hon-

asan, who remains at large, bribed his guards. There is a five million peso (about \$222,000) reward for his capture. Mutinous military officers

claimed responsibility yesterday for the daring rescue of Bibit. In a statement released to news agencies, the underground Young Officer's Union said the

bloodless 20-minute escape

operation signalled a "new phase" of a right-wing rebellion. "Indeed, nothing can stop the inevitable. No amount of propaganda can derail the advances of our epic struggle for national liberation," said the

Filipino prisoners take advantage

stabulary's capital command.

in a radio interview.

Security lax in jail

MANILA, April 9, (AP): The knock at the door was supposed to be the delivery man bringing more beer to a party at the Manila City Jail. Instead, 15 rebel soldiers burst in and freed Lt Col Billy Bibit.

Yesterday's escape by Bibit, jailed on charges of trying to overthrow the government in the December coup attempt, was just the latest example of prisoners taking advantage of lax security to win freedom. President Corazon Aquino ordered a nation-wide manhunt for Bibit. A presidential spokeswoman, Lourdes Sytangeo, described Mrs. Aquino as "angry" and promised: "We will be seeing more

forceful action in this case." The Manila City Iail superintendent was relieved and three jailers, including a deputy warden, were

Military chief of staff Gen. Renato De Villa admitted recently that he was displeased with security at jails and stockades nation-wide.

But De Villa said it was difficult to enforce strict security because Filipino culture frowns on rules against Conjugal visits, fraternisation between guards and inmates and liberal furloughs to attend funerals, graduations and other family occasions.

Manila bay because he led the August 1987 and apptotopple Mrs. Aquino. Despite assurances Housean had been neutralised, the charismatic officer convenced Sailors to belo him escape in Antil 1988. He remains at large and is believed to have played a major role in the failed December coup, which claimed the lives of at least 113 pople and left more

where we are concentrating in and I hope we can get Bibit, said Brigadier-General Mariano Filart, chief of the paramiliary con-

Filart appealed to the public for information on Bibit's whereabout.

"Let us help each other because for as long as the leadership of these who attempted the coup are out we will not have any peace," Filant and

than 600 injured.

Another alleged conspirator. Lt Col Eduard.

Matillano, slipped away in 1988 when he was allowed to leave a stockade to visit a dentist. Matillano was

the birthday of the deputy warden, Mai. Manuel

in November 1988, the chief of the communist

rebel army, Romulo Kintanar, slipped away from a birthday celebration for a former jaster and resumed command of the New People's Army.

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Honasan had been held aboard a prison shap in

six months earlier of former 1x Col. Gregor

The fact that such an important pris

arrested a few months later when waiters spotted him Police said Bibit escaped after guards, inmates and dining with a well-known pornographic movie star. women visitors gathered and drank beer to celebrate

Altaf begins hunger strike

Official shot in Sind

KARACHI, Pakistan, April 9, (Agencies): An opposition politician began a hunger strike yesterday to protest against political violence which has ćlaimed 20 lives in Karachi, Pakistan's biggest city, in three days.

Altaf Hussain, leader of the Mohajir National Movement (MQM), began the fast at his home in Karachi, capital of Sind province, after the expiry of a deadline he had set for the arrest of the killers of 12 MQM members on Friday.

"We will go on hunger strike," hundreds of MQM activists Earlier on Sunday a gunman shot, and wounded a senior

ernSind town of Sukkur. Mohammad Hashim Memon, commissioner for the Sukkur administrative division, was shot as he worked in his office, a government statement said.

Police arrested the gunman. The motive for the attack was not immediately known.

Altaf said on Saturday he

government official in the north-

each other for the violence. More than 1,000 people have been killed in ethnic riots in Sind

would go on hunger strike if the authorities failed to arrest the

killers of 12 MQM members by 7.00 pm (1400 GMT) yesterday.

ted, then instead of bringing peo-

ple on the streets I will sacrifice

my own life for the Mohajirs," he

The MQM, which represents Muslim Mohajir immigrants from India and Pakistan Mini-

ster Benazir Bhutto's ruling Pak-

istan People's Party (PPP) blame

"If the culprits are not arres-

Meanwhile, a sniper killed a police officer on Feb 7, when at least 33 people were killed and more than 100 wounded in riots

during an anti-government strike called by the MQM. Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, and surrounding Sind province have been wracked by ethnic violence for the past several years that has left hun-

Manila detains Cabardo

MANILA, April 9, (AP): Police arrested a man believed to be the deputy chief of staff of the communist rebel army today as hereturned to the country from Europe, officials and state television reported.

Antonio Cabardo, alleged deputy chief of staff of the New People's Army, was taken into custody about noon (0400 GMT) at Ninoy Aquino international airport, said Col. Victor Tiangco, operations chief of the

capital command.

As deputy chief of staff,
Cabardo is believed to be the second-ranking figure in the 20,000-member New Peoples Army, which has been waging a 21-year insurgency to establishe marxist state.

Cabardo is also believed to be a member of the political bureau of the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines.

The government television station reported that Cabardo came from Europe with a stopover in Hong Kong but did not say which European country he had visited

The rebel chief of staff, Romulo Kintanar, escaped from prison in November 1988

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Shuttle **Discovery** ready to blast off

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, April (UPI): At long last, the shuttle Discovery stood ready for blastoff tomorrow to launch the 1.5 billion Hubble space telescope, the most expensive satellite ever built and one expected to revolutionise humanity's view of the cosmos.

Running seven years behind schedule and some SI billion over budget, the railroad tank car-sized space telescope's bat-teries were fully charged and Discovery's 60-foot-long (18-m-long) cargo bay doors were closed over the giant instrument about 6:30 am.

It was a moment scientists have been awaiting for years, a critical milestone for what many consider to be the most important scientific satellite ever built. a project first proposed in the 1940s and funded by Congress in

"I think the importance of this is very profound," Nasa astro-physicist Charles Pellerin said. "I believe it's likely we will change the way we think about the universe and our role in it."

Countdown Discovery's carefully scripted countdown began at 3 pm Saturday and Nasa test director Michael Leinbach said yesterday work at launch pad 39B was on schedule for a liftoff at 8:47 am (1247 GMT) tomorrow.

With a decision by Nasa managers Saturday to relax tough post-Challenger guidelines on the maximum allowable winds, air force meteorologists predicted a 90-per cent chance of acceptable weather at launch time tomorrow with conditions deteriorating somewhat later in

At the controls for launch will be Commander Loren Shriver, 45, and co-pilot Charles Bolden, 43. Seated behind the pilots on Discovery's upper deck will be astronomer Steven Hawley, 38, and Bruce McCandless, 52, while Kathryn Sullivan, 38, will be seated alone on the ship's lower

Discovery is scheduled to be launched into a record 380-milehigh (610-km-high) orbit twice as high as shuttles usually fly - to minimise the braking effects of friction with the ten uous reaches of the outer atmosphere that otherwise would cause the satellite to slowly fall back

toward Earth. et's turbulent atmosphere, the telescope and its near-perfect 94.5-inch-wide (240-cm-wide) mirror, capable of seeing the light of a single firefly 10.000 miles (16.000 km) away, will view the universe with 10 times the clarity of ground based. clarity of ground-based ins-

Improvement This 10-fold improvement in resolution, comparable to the difference between being able to read the letters in the second row of an eye chart vs. the fine print at the bottom, will allow astron-omers to study light emitted from stars and galaxies that were created shortly after the univer-

se's origin. The most distant object ever clearly photographed from Earth is a mysterious highenergy "quasar" some 12 billion light years away, that is, the dstance its light covered in 12 billion years traveling at 186,000 miles (299,399 km) per second.

The space telescope will be able to study light emitted up to 14 billion years ago, just a billion or so years after the big bang thought to have created the universe. A major goal of the space telescope project is to find out how galaxies evolved during

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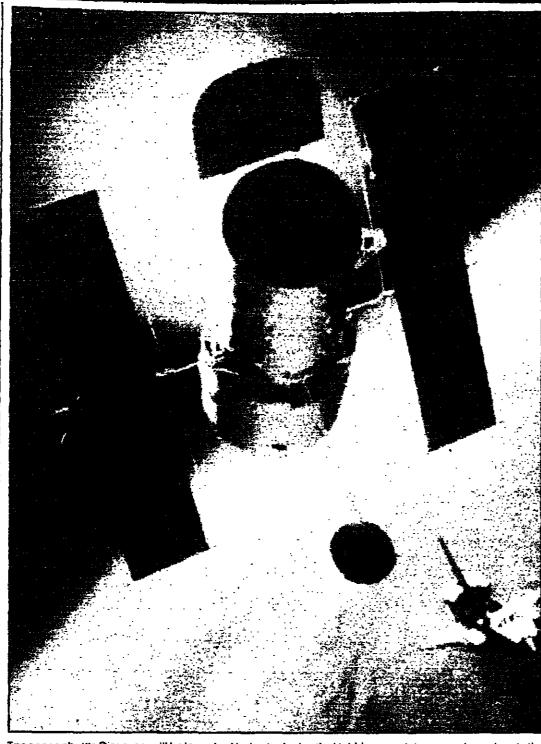
this period.
"We can see back to 10 billion light years as well as ground teles-copes can see to 1 billion light years," Nasa astronomer Edward Weiler said. "Because we can see with (better) resolution, at 10 billion light years we expect to see what galaxies looked like as they were being

born, so to speak." John Bahcall, president of the American Astronomical Society, said "if the telescope and the instruments function as specified ... then the Hubble space telescope should provide at least partial answers to the fundamental

questions (of astronomy)." But the price tag is high. Price tag

The telescope cost \$1.55 billion - almost as much as a space shuttle - largely because of a series of delays that pushed launch from 1983 to the present. Another \$600 million was spent for ground equipment, planning and testing and another \$200 million will be spent every year on data analysis and to fund research proposais.

If all goes well. Hawley, operating Discovery's 50-foot (15-m) robot arm, will release the 25,500-pound (12.75-ton) relescope into orbit around 2:10 pm Wednesday as the shuttle sails over the Pacific Ocean south of



The space shuttle Discovery will be launched today to deploy the Hubble space telescope, shown in artist's drawing. The Nasa and European Space Agency project will allow astronomers 15 years to view universe in finer detail than any ground observatory can. (Reuter wirephoto)

UK theatre awards

avies wins

LONDON. April 9, (AP): A Rock-and-roll version of Shake-speare's "The Tempest" and a drama about four south London clergymen were named the British theatre season's best musical and play at the Laurence Olivier Awards last night.

Bob Carlton's "Return to The Forbidden Planet" was the unexpected victor over the favourite, 'Miss Saigon" in the musical category. But the latter, a lavish Broadway-bound musical about the Vietnam war, won the awards for outstanding musical actor (Ionathan Pryce) and actress (Lea Salonga).

David Hare's "Racing Demon," at the Royal National Theatre, was named best play. His London win contrasted with the Broadway reception last fall of his play "The Secret Rap-ture," which proved a fast flop.

"Racing Demon" also took the best actor prize for Oliver Ford Davies as the doubting priest, Lionel Espy. Davies's win surprised insiders who expected the prize to go to lan McKellen for both "Othello" and "Bent."

The annual awards, named for the late actor Lord Olivier, were announced in a nationally telev-

ised, black-tie ceremony at the Dominion Theatre. They are London's closest equivalent to the Tony Awards on Broadway, although they don't carry nearly the same commercial clout. Nor are they held at the same time each year.

Irish, performer Fiona Shaw was named actress of the year in a play for her performances in three productions --- "As You Like It," "Electra," and "The Good Person of Sichuan." None of the plays is still playing.

Michael Bryant was named outstanding supportingg performer, male or female, for his work in "Racing Demon," "The Voysey Inheritance," and Hamlet," all at the Royal National Theatre.

His acceptance speech paid tribute to his "Hamlet" co-star, the late lan Charleson, whom he called a "gallant gentleman." Charleson died of Aids in Jan-

The year's best director, Michael Bogdanov for "The Wars of The Roses," won over stiff competition from Trevor Nunn ("Othello") and Nicholas Hytner ("Miss Saigon").



Satanic cult gunman

TV picture shows an unidentified gunman who has been charged with murder in Southport, Australia. The man who was believed to be a member of a satanic cult, killed a 78-year-old woman during a shooting spree on Queensland's Gold Coast. (Reuter wirephoto)

UK rich getting richer: survey

LONDON, April 9, (Kuna): Britain's rich are getting richer, according to a new survey published here yester-

The annual survey, conducted for the Sunday Times magazine, found that the 200 wealthiest people in the UK have amassed 10 billion pounds more during the past year. ..

Remains

They are now worth over 48 billion pounds — equal to 9.4 per cent of the country's gross domestic product, the survey

Not surprisingly, the Queen remains Britain's wealthiest person with a fortune of 6.7 billion pounds, it was revealed.

She increased her wealth by 28 per cent last year, largely through a sharp rise in the value of royal art treasures and ber share portfolio, the survey

Exclusive

And "old money" continues to dominate, with some 104 out of the 200 listed acquiring their riches through inheritance. The Duke of Westminster is

Britain's second richest person, largely as a result of own-ing 300 acres in Mayfair, London's most exclusive district, it was pointed out.

Among the new names entering the list of those owning over 50 million pounds are several Indian-born millionaires who live and work in Lon-

They head a growing gang of Asian millionaires making their presence felt in the British economy, the magazine noted.

British pop stars and impressarios also figure strongly in the survey, with former Beattle Paul McCartney now worth 350 million pounds and Rolling Stone Mick Jagger worth 75 million pounds.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

LOS ANGELES: Sondra Locke Aids victim dies says her cop thriller "Impulse" owes nothing to her longuine companion Clint Eastwood, but "it's a battle to get out from under Clint's shadow. The film, which Miss Locke directed, stars Theresa Russell as a

White succumbs to respiratory illness

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, (UPI): Ryan White, the teenager forced to simultaneously fight Aids, mis-conceptions about its victims and bitter efforts to keep him out of public school, died yesterday of a respiratory illness related to the disease.

tough cop on the edge of burnout, a

theme not unknown in Eastwood's work. But "this is not like any movie he ever did," Miss Locke said

The shadow east by the tough guy

of the Dirty Harry movies darkens her legal as well as her artistic life,

Miss Locke said.
Miss Locke, 42, is waging a court

battle for a share of Eastwood's

wealth and two of the homes the

two shared during 11 years together. Eastwood filed his own

lawsuit claiming that Miss Locke

was married to another man and thus is not entitled to a settlement

FORT WORTH, Texas: After frying chicken at a fast-food

frying chicken at a last-lood restaurant for several months, Soviet ballet dancer Mikhail Galdamakin is ready for his debut with the Fort Worth Ballet.
Gaidamakin, 34. defected from the Kirov Ballet during a New York visit last July and moved to Dallas, when the Kirothail his death Andrei Control of the C

where he lived with his friend Andrei Ustines, a defector from the Moscow ballet in 1987.

Gaidamakin worked at Grandy's, a chicken joint, before signing with the Fort Worth Ballet in March.

TEMPE, Arizona: Former Beatle Paul McCartney, playing on the 22nd anniversary of the

assassination of the Rev. Martin Lather King Jr, criticised Anzona

The Arizona legislature passed a bill in September for a King Day,

but opponents gathered enough signatures to stall the holiday until

after a referendum in November.

conference. "That was a very good

opportunity to make a nation proud of one man. He was a great guy. It looked a bit silly for when one state

held out against it."

Arizona is one of only three states

still without an official King

holiday. The others are New Hampshire and Montana. (AP)

ROCK HILL, South Carolina:

Mood music, subliminal messages

and other secret devices may be deployed to get the best out of the

slimy contestants in the Come See

Me Mayor's frog jump.
Twelve jumbo grassfrogs have been imported from Brownsville in

Mariboro County for the contest.

In the main contest, which is open to the public, the frogs must be of

the garden variety.

Amphibian hostess Joyce Moss picked up the box of imported frogs

"They're ugly. Ooooh, they're nasty. Put them back, "she yelped. Ms Moss followed instructions

on the box: Do not refrigerate, keep away from heat. (AP)

AUSTIN, Texas: North America

largest urban bat colony, which hangs under Congress Avenue Bridge in Austin, is to get official

recognition this month as a tourist

The colony swells in midsummer to about 750,000 Mexican free-

centimetre)-deep grooves running the length of the bridge over Town

The city's park and recreation department and bat Conservation

International plan to open a kiosk with educational display panels on

the north shore of the lake on April 20. The nocturnal mammals have

long drawn thousands of tourists

tailed bats who live in 16-inch-(40.6-

at the post office.

"I thought that was really dumb," McCariney told a news

for not having a state holiday honouring the slain civil rights

in a recent interview

Singer Elton John kept a constant vigil with White's family by his hospital bed last week, posting some of the thousands of cards and letters that poured in as news of White's deteriorating condition spread. Football player Howie Long, who appeared with White at Aids benefits, also visited White at Riley Hospital.

Singer Michael Jackson, who gave White a car for his 16th birthday, called, along with singers John Mellencamp, Johnny Cash, the Statler Brothers and football player Joe Montana. Singer Lionel Richie sent a fax offering his support.

Many of the celebrities were in Indianapolis for Saturday's Farm Aid IV concert to aid struggling family farms. John, making an unscheduled appearance at the concert, introduced the song "Candle In the Wind" by saying: "This one's for

President George Bush, who was in Indianapolis last Tuesday, had dedicated a tree to White at a planting ceremony.

"Ryan helped us all understand the truth about Aids," Bush said, "He's shown all of us the strength of the human heart."

White, 18, entered the hospital March 29 and was placed on a life-support ventilating machine soon afterward. Dr Martin Kleiman, who had treated White since he contracted acquired immune deficiency syndrome in December 1984, said the boy was under heavy sedation and felt no pain.

White had been in and out of Riley hospital for several months because of a chronic infection.

A hemophiliac. White contracted Aids in 1984 when he received a tainted blood-clotting agent during a transfusion. White, then 13, was one of the first American youngsters diagnosed as having Aids at a time when the disease and its methods of transmission were widely unknown and misunderstood.

Parents and administrators fought efforts by White to enter the seventh grade at Western Middle School in Russiaville, Indiana, forcing him to continue his education at home in the fall of 1985 by a computer-telephone hookup.

White's year-long court fight to return to school and his unflagging personal courage in the face both of his illness and the reaction of others received national attention.

White returned to school for one day in February 1986 and was so excited, his mother said, that he picked out his clothes a day early and couldn't sleep the night before. But he had to suffer indignities that included a community 'yard sale' held to raise money for the legal fight to keep him out of class and the absence of nearly half the school on that first day

In April, a court cleared White's return to class permanently and he finished the year without



Ryan White, who became a hero through his fight against Aids and the fear it engenders, died on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Hostile feelings subsided in Russiaville, but the Whites nevertheless moved south to Cicero, Indiana, about 25 miles (40 km) north of Indianapolis, in 1987. Students at Hamilton Heights High School, who had been educated about Aids before White's arrival, welcomed him with open arms.

White, then 16, said his only Christmas wish in 1987 was that others afflicted with the deadly human Immunodeficiency Virus receive the same treat-

"I hope that Aids victims are not discriminated (against) any more," White told reporters.

French discovers Aids antibody

Work in early stages

MARSEILLE, France, April 9. (UPI): A leading French medical researcher, cautioning that his work still is in early stages, said y sterday he has discovered an anti body that ultimately could help prevent heal-thy Aids carriers who have tested

DANBURY, Connecticut: Singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka has been admitted to Danbury Hospital for The antibody, baptized "Anti-Beta 2 Microglobuline," was discovered by a team at the state-run Institute for Science and Medical Research (Inserm) in the southern

treatment of diverticulitis, a hospital spokesman said.
Spokesman John Morgan said
Sedaka, 51, is considering surgery to
alleviate the intestinal Sedaka, a singer-composer who

written and recorded dozens of popular songs including "Breaking
Up is Hard To Do," "Calendar Giri"
and "Stopid Copid." (AP)

ROME: Elderly designer Princess
Irene Galitzine, who created the
"Palazzo Pajama" style of evening
wear in the 1960s, has been jailed
for tax evasion, her lawyer said.
The 72-year-old Russian-born
princess was surprised by police
who arrived at her Rome apartment
to bring her to jail, said lawyer
Marcello Barbieri.
The police said she had been
convicted of tax evasion in a
November 1988 trial and sentenced

November 1988 trial and sentenced to six months in prison, Barbieri said. However, the princess said she had never been notified she was even charged, the lawyer said. "We don't know exactly how it

happened," the lawyer said in a telephone interview. But he said her office might have mislaid the notice. Galitzine in newspaper interviews has said she designed outlits for such celebrities as Jacqueline Onassis, Liz Taylor, Andrey Hepburn, Greta Garbo and the former Queen Anne-Marie of Greece. She won fame for the "Palazzo Pajama," elegant pants worn at formal evening functions.

former member of the Pasteur Ins-

tion of the Aids virus. seropositive from developing the dis-

French city of Marseille, according to its leader, Prof. Jean-Claude Cher-

Preliminary results of laboratory work, published in the Journal of Virology's April edition, suggest the antibody could prevent the immune deficiency syndrome virus reproduc-ing itself in lymphocites, Chermann was quoted as saying in a statement printed in French newspapers yester-

"We have made an Anti-Beta 2 Microglobuline antibody that laun-ches an inter-cellular signal that blocks the virus," said Chermann, a

titute team that pioneered identifica-

"For the moment, we are doing a very fundamental job in order to know better and better what happens in the interactions between the virus and the cell that it is going to kill." If one knows well these interac-tions at different levels one can combat them better."

However, Chermann said it was premature to speak of hope for heal-thy Aids carriers from his initial

"With these hyper-complex interactions and so very sophis-ticated mechanisms, a grain of sand

can overturn everything."

"The fact of placing an antibody (Anti-B Microglobuline), pressing on the signal of the Beta-2, launches something in the cell that blocks the virus," Chermann said.

"We have demonstrated that there

is a new mechanism, that is to say something that intervenes in the cell. before it infects it and at the moment when it infects it."

Plane crash ... filmed live by Italians

ANGUILLARA, Italy, April 9, (UPI): A pilot and passenger died yesterday and three persons on the ground suffered slight burns when a small Cessna airplane, apparently attempting to perform impromptu acrobatic stunts, crashed just near a group of students gathered for the filming of a television show.

A crew from Italy's state-run third channel videotaped the crash as it happened. Edited clips of the accident, which occured near the shores of lake Bracciano 30 km north of Rome, were shown on news programmes.
Police identified the dead as

pilot Alessandro Maielo, 28, and Fulvio di Nacci, 27. The injured were identified as Pietro Mecocci, Guido Tommassucci 23, and Gorizio Rossi, 35. The accident occured during

the filming of three small wooden-winged airplanes similar to deltaplanes - which were embarking on an aerial survey of Italian coastal pollu-

Fontana Hotel fire toll rises to six

using dogs and heavy equipment found two more bodies and looked for others yesterday in the charred debris of the Fontana Hotel. The death toll from the fast-moving fire that

swept the 39-year-old hotel Friday rose to six with the two discoveries, officials said. Eight tenants were still unaccounted for.

More than a score of searchers began their Sun-day search at the top and along the sides of blackened rubble left as the fire gutted the building.
"Our main concern now is to get the bodies out,

MIAMI BEACH, Florida, April 9, (AP): Searchers but safely so that we don't risk the teams," said police detective Jim Hyde, a spokesman for the

Four bodies were found soon after the fire, and the fifth yesterday in some debris and the sixth at the rear of the building.

The Fontana was a seasonal or year-round home for about 100 people, including many elderly retirees. Many groped down dark, smoky hallways or jumped out of their windows to flee the fast-

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Woman charged in axe-wielding attack goes on trial

MILWAUKEE, April 9, (AP): A woman who reportedly claims she is the mother of Jack the Ripper goes on trial today accused of plotting to kill a man with a hatchet in a ritual she believed would resurrect the British serial

The 26-year-old man, who has not been identified, said in a complaint that he was lured to an apartment and attacked by an axewielding woman hiding in the shower. He said he needed 50 stitches to close a wound to his Jury selection begins today in the trial of Deborah Kazuch, 26, who is accused of plot-ting the May 29 attack with two other Milwaukee women.

Catherine Lipsham, 23, and Ramona Barry, 27, pleaded guilty Friday to the same charge of attempted first-degree murder and agreed to testify against Ms. Kazuch.

The victim, who is also expected to testify, and he was burden.

said he was lured to a Milwaukee apartment by Ms. Barry.

He said he went to the bathroom, heard

something move in the shower and pushed the curtain aside to reveal Ms. Kazuck holding a hatchet with a two-handed grip.

She raised the hatchet above her head. began chanting "redrum," or murder spelled backward, and struck him on the forehead just above the left eye before he managed to

escape, the man told police.
Police said Ms. Kazuch planned to dismember the victim's body and drain his blood in a ritual she believed would bring Jack the

Poindexter may have to testify again

WASHINGTON, April 9, (AP): John Poindexter may have to testify again after his June sentencing on Iran-Contra convictions, sources say, at the request of prosecutors trying to write their final report on the Reagan era scandal.

The sources said their investigation is far from finished in the arms-for-hostages affair that was called the worst US scandal since Richard Nixon resigned over Water-

Both Poindexter and former National Security Council staff deputy Oliver North might be compelled under a grant of immunity from prosecution to testify before a special panel assembled to review evidence,

while such appearances before a so-called grand jury might provide missing links to the coverup and help prosecutors close the books on the more than 3-1/2-year-old scandal, new indictments would be

unlikely, they added.

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LIMA, April 9. (UPI): Independent presidential candidate

Alberto Fujimori has rejected

any deal with novelist-politician

Mario Vargas Llosa that would

lead to the cancellation of a

second-round election between the two political newcomers. Fujimori, an agricultural engineer of Japanese descent,

and Vargas Llosa appeared to a finish in a virtual dead heat in

national elections yesterday, according to projections from Peruvian news media based on

Fujimori, whose campaign

peaked in the final two weeks,

won 30.2 per cent of the vote compared to 29.8 per cent gar-nered by Vargas Llosa, accord-

ing to Radio Programas. Vargas Llosa, an internationally known novelist, was ahead 29 per cent to

27.7 per cent in a projection made

by Panamericano television.
Vargas Llosa, whose hopes for

a first-round victory were dashed, immediately called for

talks to avoid a second vote ten-

tatively set for June 3. The runoff

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ching an agreement.

to 21 per cent of the vote, accord-

ing to the projections. Official results were not expected for

Projections showed Henry

Pease of the Communist United

Left with about six per cent of the

vote and Alfonso Barrantes Lin-

gan of the Socialist left with four

There were no reports of major incidents in Lima. But the armed

forces said 50 guerrillas armed

with knives, rocks and sticks

entered a village in the Ayacucho

region and killed 17 residents.

including women and children.

No motive was given for the

Vargas Llosa is the author of

such novels as "The Green

House," "The City and the Dogs," and "The War at the End

of the World." Fujimori, the son

of Japanese immigrants, capitalized as an independent on

Peruvian's disenchantment with

politicians, fears over Vargos

Llosa's plan of economic

"shock" to contain inflation and

voters admiration of Japan,

several weeks.

selected ballot results.

That was the consensus drawn from a series of interviews with sources in and out of government in the wake of Poindexter's conviction Saturday on conspiracy, obs-

truction and lying to Cogress.

These sources, who discussed the cause with the Assocated Press on condition of anonymity, said Poindexter's weekend convictions are significant because they provide a focus for the next, and possibly final, phase of the probe into the Iran-Contra affair that tainted the final years of Ronald Reagan's

The conspiracy conviction was the first courtroom confirmation that Poindexter, North, late-CIA director William Casey, National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane and others worked illegally

together.
The conspirators' goals, the investigators have said, were to conceal from Congress

Fujimori casts his votes accompanied by his wife Susan on

April 8. (Reuter wirephoto)

evidence of the diversion of Iran arms sale money to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels, the US role in a Hawk missile shipment to Iran and North's military support for Contras during a time when direct or indirect US aid was banned.

Iran-Contra prosecutor Dan Webb referred questions to Walsh, Mary Belcher, a spokeswoman for the Iran-Contra prosecutor's office, said Walsh would not comment on matters which may or may not

Fujimori (left) embraces Llosa during a press conference on April 8.

pertain to grand juries.

Nevertheless, North, Poindexter, and possibly former CIA station chief Joseph Fernandez, may be compelled to give grand jury testimony about the scandal, the sour-

Getting immunity for North would give Iran-Contra prosecutors their first opportunity to conduct a wide-ranging interroga-tion of the former Marine officer outside the constraints imposed by a courtroom trial.

Bogota party official killed

alternate Congressman of the ruling Liberal Party, in an attack yesterday, police said.

Hernandez Rodriguez died on the scene of the shooting in

In other developments a goldplated motorcycle has been

Police shot and killed drug trafficker Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha in a Dec 15 gunfight on

The motorcycle, coated with 18 carat gold, was seized in one of 15 raids Saturday in Rodriguez.

Since the government intensified a campaign against traffickers last August, authorities have seized \$42 million worth of

Authorities have also found

goods represent only a fraction of the wealth accumulated in less than ten years by Rodriguez Gacha as he smuggled tons of cocaine to the United States.

With a personal fortune exceeding \$3 billion, Rodriguez Gacha was considered the richest man in Colombia after Pablo. Escobar, the alleged top drug lord. Police are still searching for Escobate

Hernando Jose Gomez, an economist at the Bank of the Republic, said the country's powerful cocaine barons earned \$14.2 billion between 1981 and 1988, for a yearly average of \$1.8

But he said less than half of the money — \$6.8 billion — had been brought back to Colombia and little of that had been invested in productive activities.

"The biggest part of the resources generated by illicit substances went to financing capital flight and contraband," the

It added that drug traffickers' biggest financial influence has

been felt in housing and cattle ranching. The study fuels an intense

had on the economy, one of the strongest in Latin America. ■ Cuba: A senior Cubar official said that operation of

Cuba's first nuclear reactor, being built by Soviets at a site about 230 miles (370 km) south of Miami, has been delayed by two to three years.

party coalition government with the communists and Pasok, but without Papandreou personally. The coalition was formed to try to deal with an economic crisis, marked by big budget deficits, now more than 22 per cent of the gross domestic Product, and rising inflation, which at 16.5 per cent in the European Community's highest.

Mitsotakis withdrew his support from the government and, in

Some 8 million people were eligible to cast their vote in

BOGOTA, April 9, (AP): Gun-men shot and killed Jose Hum-berto Hernandez Rodriguez, an

Bogota: the authorities said.
Police said they knew of no
immediate motive for the killing and that the attackers escaped.

seized by police as they continue rounding up the illicit wealth of a Medellin cartel leader killed last

Colombia's northern coast.

Gacha's hometown of Pacho, 50 miles (80 kilometres) north of the capital, police said vesterday. They said Japanese-made bike was used by Rodriguez Gacha's son, Freddy, who was killed with

gold, silver and cash belonging to Rodriguez Gacha.

diamond encrusted jewellery, gold-plated pistols, cars, planes and other goods worth hundreds of millions of dollars on the trafficker's ranches and estates... Police estimate that the seized

dollar illegal cocaine trade has had few positive benefits for the local economy, according to a report by a Central Bank econ-

report said.

debate in Colombia on the impact illegal drug dealing has

"Our nuclear programme is one hundred per cent for peaceful energy uses. We do not have nuclear arms," Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Ramon Sanchez Parodi said in an interview over the weekend. The operation of first nuclear reactor, originally scheduled to go critical for testing by the end of the 1980s, was postponed to go critical for testing by the end of the 1980s, was postponed until the end of 1990 and has been

postponed again. Cuban officials and diplomats say that if everything goes well and the Soviet Union — beset by its own economic and nuclear problems — continues to cooperate, Cuba's first reactor may go critical for testing at the end of 1992 at the earliest.

Argentine minister Fujimori

in UK for talks Hope to improve ties

LONDON, April 9, (AP): Foreign Minister Domingo Cavallo of Argentina arrived in London yesterday, the most senior representative of his government to visit Britain since the two countries fought a war

over the Falkland Islands in 1982. Cavallo flew into Heathrow airport for talks with Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd and a lunch with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and said he hoped the meetings would help improve relations.

We have now normal diplomatic relations between Britain and Argentina so we will go over all of the bilateral questions," he told

"We hope we will reach an agreement on reciprocal elimination of visas between the two countries ... that is very important for the contacts between the two countries for facilitating trips, visits and so on," he said.
"We will also begin negotiating a bilateral agreement on guarantees."

Also and protect for investment for one country or the other country. Also we will try to discuss what could be the agenda and timetable for the working group on fisheries in the south Atlantic."

After preliminary talks in New York last year. Britain and Argentina agreed in Madrid in February to restore diplomatic relations severed when Argentina invaded the south Atlantic islands in June 1982. Britain sent a naval task force and recaptured the islands after a 74-

day war in which nearly 1,000 troops died. The agreement does not touch on the two countries' conflicting claims to sovereignty over the archipelago which Argentina calls the

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Papandreou accepts a kiss from his wife, former air hostess, Dimitri Liani on April 8. (Reuter



(Reuter wirephoto)

Mitsotakis shown sceptical during a news conference

did not elaborate.

After the June vote New

Democracy and the communists

teamed up to send Papandreou

to trial on charges of complicity

in a \$200-million bank embez-

zlement scandal and illegal

phone-tapping. The trials are

Despite the charges, Mit-sotakis failed to win another vote

in November and joined an all-

per cent. Four minor candidates split about two per cent of the vote and some 11 per cent of the ballots were left blank or annulled, Radio Programassaid. For professional high quality Projections also indicated neither Fujunori nor Vargas photography using the very latest

Llosa could count on having a majority of their party members equipment in our large purpose built studio. in congress. Election day was relatively quiet even though the communist Shining Path guerrillas had For creative still life, brochures. promotional and industrial photography. called for a boycott and threatened to disrupt the elec-

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ATHENS, April 9, (Reuter): **Poli row** Greece's Conservative Party was one seat short of an absolute majority in Parliament after the Father third general election in 10 months yesterday, and a year-long political crisis looked likely to

deepen.
The Conservative New Democracy Party was given 150 seats in the 300-seat Parliament by the Interior Ministry earlier this morning with more than 98 per cent of the vote counted. The Socialist Pasok Party had

124 seats, a communist-led alliance 19, and smaller parties and independents seven seats. Conservtive Party leader Constantine Mitsotakis called the result "suicidal situation" for the

But he said he was confident he would find enough support in

Mitsotakis stressed to repor-

ters that the final result was not

in, and he still hoped to win

parliament to form a govern-

It would be the first government dominated by New Democracy since 1981, and would be committed to sweeping economic changes to deal with the country's severe economic

majority. But political commentators held out little hope.

Mitsotakis, 71, would have to look to the seven independents for support. They include a Muslim, an ecologist, a centrist and four hard-left deputies.

Ministry, probably later on,

mandate to try to form a workable government. I have no doubt that he will

Greek NDP one short of poll win

arrested IRAKLION, Crete, April 9, (Reuter): A Greek father on

the island of Crete was temporarily arrested for not allowing his wife and his son to vote in Greece's general elections on yesterday, police

They said Gerasimos Apostolakis hid the identity cards of his wife Eleni and his son Manolis, making it impossible for them to cast their ballots.

Without an absolute majority.

President Christos Sartzetakis must decide after the final result is announced by the Interior

Third election in 10 months; 'suicidal situation' the country should now be run by whether to give Mitsotakis a a broad-based government. He

> ask me to form a government," he said. "But if he doesn't I'm not going to stage a coup." If the inconclusive result is confirmed by the final count, it

> would be the third election in 10

months on which no party has won an absolute majority in Parliament. If Mitsotakis fails to find the support for a New Democracy government, or at least persuade some independents to abstain to give him a working majority.

With 98.2 per cent of the vote counted, New Democracy had 47 per cent, the Socialist Pasok Party 38.6, the communist-led alliance 10.2. The smaller parties made up the balance.

talks will open on a coalition.

Failing that, new elections will be

Greece has been ruled by weak coalitions since June, when the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) was driven from office in a crushing election defeat after a series of scandals.
Former Socialist Prime Mini-

ster Andreas Papandreou, 71, who ruled from 1981 until his June defeat, told reporters that

effect, forced yesterday election, convinced that his message of impending economic collapse would rally voters.

16.584 polling stations, but final figures for the turnout were not immediately available.

another seat for an absolute according to pollsters. Fujimori, Japanese 'tidal wave' stirs up Peruvian polls with his surge in popularity

LIMA, April 9, (Reuter): Dubbed "Tsunami" — tidal wave in Japanese — by the local media, Alberto Fujimori has stirred up Peru's presidential campaign with his unex-

pected surge in popularity.

The studious-looking former university rector with no experience in politics has made a last-minute assault on opinion polls on the back of voter disaffection with traditional politicians.

The son of Japanese immigrants is now just a few points behind the frontrunner, world renowned novelist Mario Vargas Llosa, who leads a centre-right coalition. Pollsters say Fujimori could pull off a stunning coup, sailing into the run-offs next month and even beating Vargas Llosa.

Born in Lima on Peru's most important national holiday, July 28, the day the country won independence from Spain in 1821, Fujimori is the most prominent member of Peru's small but flourishing Japanese com-

His parents, originally from the town of Kumamoto, emigrated to Peru about 60 years ago. A brilliant student, he became an agronomist and later.

rector of Peru's farming university.

Bespectacled, quiet and serious, it is at first hard to see how Fujimori caught the imagination of the poor Peruvians who pollsters say make up most of his backing.

But behind the reserved exterior, people who know him

say there is a will of steel. His wife, irrigation expert Susana Higashi de Fujimori, said in a recent interview: "When my husband sets out to achieve something, in 98 per cent of cases he does."

Fujimori began his campaign a year ago after deciding that traditional politicians were not offering a solution to Peru's pressing social and economic problems.

His only claim to national fame was a stint from 1985 to 1987 as presenter of a cultural talk show on state television.

But with typical determination, he began his low budge, campaign a year ago by hirching a small stand to the back

of his tractor and setting out, first in Lima and then in the surrounding countryside, to speak to the people.

His natural style and the absence of the bodygnards other candidates have used to keep the public at arm's length has impressed people. length has impressed people.

be applied in Peru the poor must be fed, has also made him an unlikely spokesman for the masses and drawn many worried by Vargas Llosa's talk of fiscal shocks and privat-

His message, that before any economic shock tactics can

The contrast with the Patrician Vargus Llosa; whose elegant and disturbing novels won him world fame, could

One dead, 25 hurt in British ferry blaze

MILFORD HAVEN, Wales, April 9, (AP). One person was killed and 25 injured today after a fire broke out on board a ferry carrying 297 people from Wales to Ireland, the Coast Guard said.

Milford Haven Coast Guard spokesman George Clarke said the dead person had not been identified, but a Royal Air Force spokesman said the victim was a crew member. The injured, including a pregnant women, were admitted to Withybush hospital in Haverfordwest for treatment of smoke inhalation, cuts and bruises, said a hospital spokeswoman. One woman was transferred to the intensive care unit at West Wales General Hospital.

Nine of the injured had been airfilted from the ferry by two RAF helicopters and one Royal Navy helicopter, which also brought firefighters and two doctors to the

vessel, Clarke said

The fire broke out in the forward sleeping cabins beneath the cardeck, the Coast Guard said, as the Band I ferry

Some of the prisoners involved had been transferred from nearby Dartmoor earlier in the

day. A group of inmates broke

through to the roof and hurled

slates at officers below.

As firemen doused them with

high-pressure hoses, they hung

out a banner saying: "Dartmoor

At Strangeways, a hard core of about 20 prisoners defied else-

where, inmates staged sit-down

protests at jails in London and

Leeds and smashed furniture and

At Hull prison in northeast

burned bedding in Cardiff jail.

England, 110 prisoners awaiting

trial refused to come in from

exercise. Most of them tried to

rush the compound gate but were

At London's Pentonville

prison. 300 prisoners were

evacuated when an inmate pulled

a gas pipe from the wall and it

David Evans, head of the Prison Officer's Association, said British penal institutions

suffered from "overcrowding,

staff shortages and poor condi-

tions in some institutions" and

were being asked to detain more

But David Mellor, Home

Office Minister dismissed sug-gestions of a fundamental

problem with the prisons. He

said the disturbances suggest

"something is fundamentally wrong with a number of prison-ers." Warders and police as the siege went into its ninth day.

prison system is collapsing and

charities say conditions are still

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Prison officers have said the

had to be replaced.

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hoys on tour."

Norrona was eight miles (12 kms) west of the Welsh coast Firelighters and crew members controlled the blaze within two hours of the captain's distress call, Clarke said. and the Norrona returned to port in Milford Haven under

her own power Some of the 219 passengers and '8 crew members on hoard the ferry en route from Milford Haven. 180 miles (300 kms) west of London, to Rosslate, Ireland, said they had to crawl through the thick smoke in cabins and

The Dithin, Ireland-based company said in a statement that it suspected that the fire "was started deliberately." It

did not claborate, but the Band I's manne superintendent, Capt Peter Mckenna, told Irish Radio the company was fairly certain amout this

Mckenna said the Irish ferry company believed mattresses or lighted paper started the fire. Police were interview-

Violence flares in UK prison crisis

Charred body found in Dartmoor

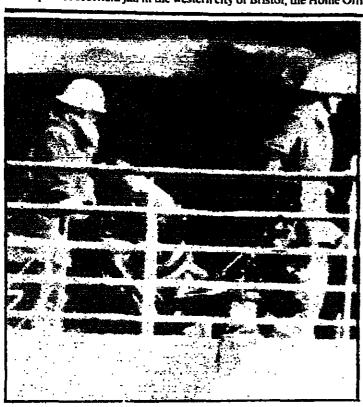
LONDON, April 9, (Reuter): An explosion of unrest in jails throughout Britain has thrown the spotlight on

a growing crisis in the country's antiquated and overcrowded prison system.

Violence has erupted in at least 14 prisons up and down the country in the week since inmates at Strangeways jail in the northern city of Manchester staged Britain's worst prison riot this century. The charred body of a prisoner was found in a cell at the notorious Dartmoor prison in southwest England

yesterday after inmates gave up their 24-hour siege.

Disturbances flares at eight prisons yesterday alone. In the latest major incident, about 200 prisoners seized part of Horfield jail in the western city of Bristol, the Home Office said.



Rescue workers remove a body bag aboard the Scandinavian Star. (Reuter wirephoto)

On-site probe will take days

Ferry fire

LYSEKIL, Sweden, April 9. (AP): Authorities say it will take days to begin an on-site inves-tigation of possible arson into the fire that killed as many as 147 people aboard the Scandinavian Star ferry.

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A commission of inquiry would be set up to work parallel to a police probe.

Meanwhile, the first bodies were taken from the blackened ferry on Sunday after the ship was towed into port, its midsection still burning.
Police hunted a suspected

arsonist today. Forty-three bodies were removed from the ship late yes-

terday.
"We are basing our work on the concrete theory that it was arson," Oslo assistant chief" of police Magnar Aukrust told a

news conference. It was the worst European ferry disaster since 189 died on the Herald of free enterprise of

Belgium in 1987.
Some of the bodies recovered from the 10,513-tonne ship were immediately placed on a refrigerated truck which left for Oslo, where identification will take place. The truck was accom-

panied by a funeral car and police "We are trying to find as dignified a means of transport as possible, "said Roald Onsoe, police chief of the small fishing town of 8,000 where the burning

ferry was brought under tow. The fire began before dawn on Saturday while the ship was in the North Sea carrying about 500 tourists and crewmembers on an overnight trip from Norway to Denmark. The heat was so intense yesterday that it melted aluminum aboard the bridge of

the Danish-owned ship. Exhausted firemen struggled in the intense heat and fumes to reach cabins where victims burned to death or suffocated in the

suspicious blaze. Firelighters in masks and breathing equipment fought through one corridor "until their gear started to burn," said fire consultant Olle Wennstrom. One firefighter was slightly injured,

The blaze, which finally was extinguished late yesterday, sent plumes of smoke over Lysekil, on Sweden's southwest coast 250 miles (400 kilometers) southwest of Stockholm, the capital on the

Tugboats doused the ship with water. Holes were blasted into the side of the 10,500-ton ship to allow the water to drain out, for fear that the badly listing ship would topple onto the concrete

Officials with VR-Dano Line, the company in Copenhagen that owns and operates the Bahamian-flagged ship, say the blaze was caused by arson, citing two fires that broke out at a short interval on two different decks.

District police chief Roar Onso, revising earlier figures, said 345 people survived the fire. which broke out about midway on the ship's 10-hour voyage from Oslo to Frederikshavn.

Ferry captain Hugo Larsen told police of 395 passengers and 97 crewmen. If his figure is correct, 147 people died, Onso

Forty-three bodies were removed from the ferry before operations were suspended for the night. After a brief ceremony on the wharf, the victims were placed in a refrigerated truck and

driven to Oslo for identification. Firemen found corpses in the corridors and cabins. A few drivers were found in their trucks on the car deck. Most victims were asphyxiated but some were

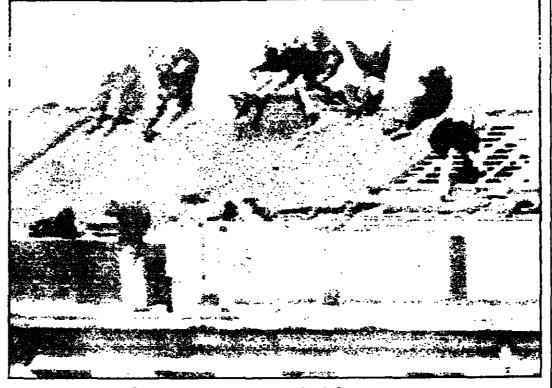
charred beyond recognition. "It will be very difficult to identify the victims. It will take a long time," Onso said.

Onso confirmed reports that two fires broke out aboard the Scandinavian Star, but he refused to speculate on how that fitted with claims that the fire was deliberately set.

Norwegian police were interviewing survivors and comparing passenger lists with those of ferries that had had suspicious fires to look for arson suspects.

Their suspicions of arson were based on accounts from survivors and similarities between the Scandinavian Star disaster and previous fires on North

Sea ferries. more than 600 years."
The Pope's statement at the conclusion of a Palm Sunday mass was Ship captain Hugo Larsen told Norway's news agency NTB that he was sleeping in his cabin when his first confirmation of a 1991 trip to his belmsman awakened him Poland. Polish church officials have saying: "Please come to the said they expected a visit, the fourth by John Paul to his bomeland since bridge. I think we have an arsonhe became Pope in 1978. ist on board."



Dartmoor inmates shown on the root April 8 (Reuter wirephoto

Bookon poverty

LONDON, April 9, (Kuna): Millions of people were barred from being full citizens in the UK because they are poor, according to a new book published here today to mark the 25th anniversary of the child poverty action

Inequalities "run like faultlines" through society to shape the nation's civil, political and socialists fears, the study by the group pointed out.

"The exclusion of millions of our fellow citizens from the enjoyment of the full rights of citizenship that a wealthy society like ours can provide is an issue for public, not private morality." the book added.

regiment of the British Army, said the spokesman, speaking

anonymously in keeping with British custom. There was no immediate claim.

The explosion occurred just

Four British soldiers killed in N. Ireland

Land mine blast

DOWNPATRICK, Northern Ireland, April 9, (AP): Four soldiers died today when their Land Rover drove over a land mine in the Northern Ireland town of Downpatrick, police said. Several other soldiers were

said a spokesman for the Royal Ulster Constabulary. The soldiers are believed to have been members of the Ulster Defence Regiment, the mainly protestant, locally recruited

"The target appears to have been an army Land Rover," the police spokesman said. "I can confirm that four people have reported to have been injured. died in the attack, four members

part of the province.

of the security forces."

The deaths bring to 16 the number of people killed in political and sectarian violence in Northern Ireland so far this year. The Irish Republican Army is

before 8 am (0700 GMT) near the

Downpatrick race course in

county down, in the southeast

fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland and unite the predominantly Protestant province with the Roman Catholic Republic of Ireland.

Secret files trigger uproar

Swiss surveillance

BERN, April 9, (AP): The retired managing editor of a liberal Swiss newspaper was not pleased to receive word that his political

reputation is untarnished.
Paul C. Schaffroth is among the half-million Swiss and foreign nationals who were kept under surveillance by Swiss police. He demanded his official file and got a clean bill of political health.

The existence of the files was a secret until last November, when the surveillance practice was disclosed by a Swiss parliamentary

These methods are unworthy of our democracy," Schaffroth, 69, said in an interview with the Associated Press, "I feel angry and concerned.

Justice Minister Arnold Koller, currently the Swiss president, was another prominent figure listed in the files.

Koller called the surveillance methods "un receptable and amateurish" but argued that the practice originated in the cold war and was similar to those

used in other countries.

Word of the files triggered an uproar in this country of 6.5 million, which takes pride in being an island of tranquility in a troubled world.

What Koller concedes is "deep crisis of confidence" now threatens to overshadow next year's events marking the 700th anniversary of Switzerland, one of the world's oldest democracies.

"Snooping state" has become a widely used reference in the Swiss press.

Artists and writers have warned they may refuse to help preparations for next year's jubilee. There have also been calls for a boycott of national

census planned next December. What made us deserve a state which is so unsure of itself that its concern for security becomes paranoid?" Adolf Muschg, a prominent Swiss novelist, asked at a protest rally in Bern last month.

More than 300,000 people so far have asked the federal prosecutor's office for copies of their file cards, if they exist. Answering the letters will take at least until the end of this year.

many more months.

More than two decades of state surveillance established, among other things, that he was once invited by the Chinese embassy to watch a movie on

sure to release the full dossiers on which the file cards are based,

and officials warn that will take

Schaffroth, formerly of Der

Bund newspaper in Bern, is

among less than 30,000 people

who have received an answer to

panda bears.
Schaffroth's file also notes that he once took part in a press trip to China, and that as a city councillor in charge of police he once received a letter on the visit

of a Soviet delegation. Published excerpts of other files suggest surveillance focused on contacts with left-wing circles and travels to communist coun-

But even a liking for beer or watching street theater was recorded in the files. And parking a car near an anti-nuclear rally could lead to an entry in the secret dossier of its owner.

Further disclosures of secret files both in the justice and defence ministries have added heat to the debate. They include "suspects" who were to be interned or restricted in movement in case of war or tensions.

Particularly startling was the discovery in the Justice Ministry of data on thousands of foreign children who vacationed in Switzerland in the early postwar years under a Red Cross charity programme.

Hubert Bucher, secretary-general of the Swiss Red Cross, said the records were turned over to the government because of lack of space. He denied official suggestions that the Red Cross had offered them for possible use by Swiss counter-intelligence.

"A storm of mistrust is sweeping the country," Defence Mini-ster Kaspar Villiger told a congress of his conservative radical Democratic Party last month.

The scandal has been the prime topic in letters to the nation's newspapers since January. Recently there has been a backlash, with many defending surveillance - for example as a means of crime control.

The government is under pres-Soviet military strength continues to pose a potential threat to Japan

TOKYO, April 9, (AP): The Soviets continue to pose a potential military threat to Japan, a top Japanese defence official said

inmates say the violence has today.

Akira Hiyoshi, chief of the bureau of flared up because they are treated defence policy in the defence agency, noted The prison population of England and Wales, at just over that the Soviet Union recently announced cuts in its Asian military forces, some of 47,000, has fallen by about 2,500 over the past year. But prisoners which have already been realised.

But the Soviets have also taken steps including modernisation of weaponry, Hiyoshi told a lower house budget committee session.

"This will be a potential threat to our country," though Japan does not believe the Soviet Union actually has aggressive intentions toward it, Hiyoshi said. Hiyoshi's comments came during a

committee session on Japan's fiscal 1990

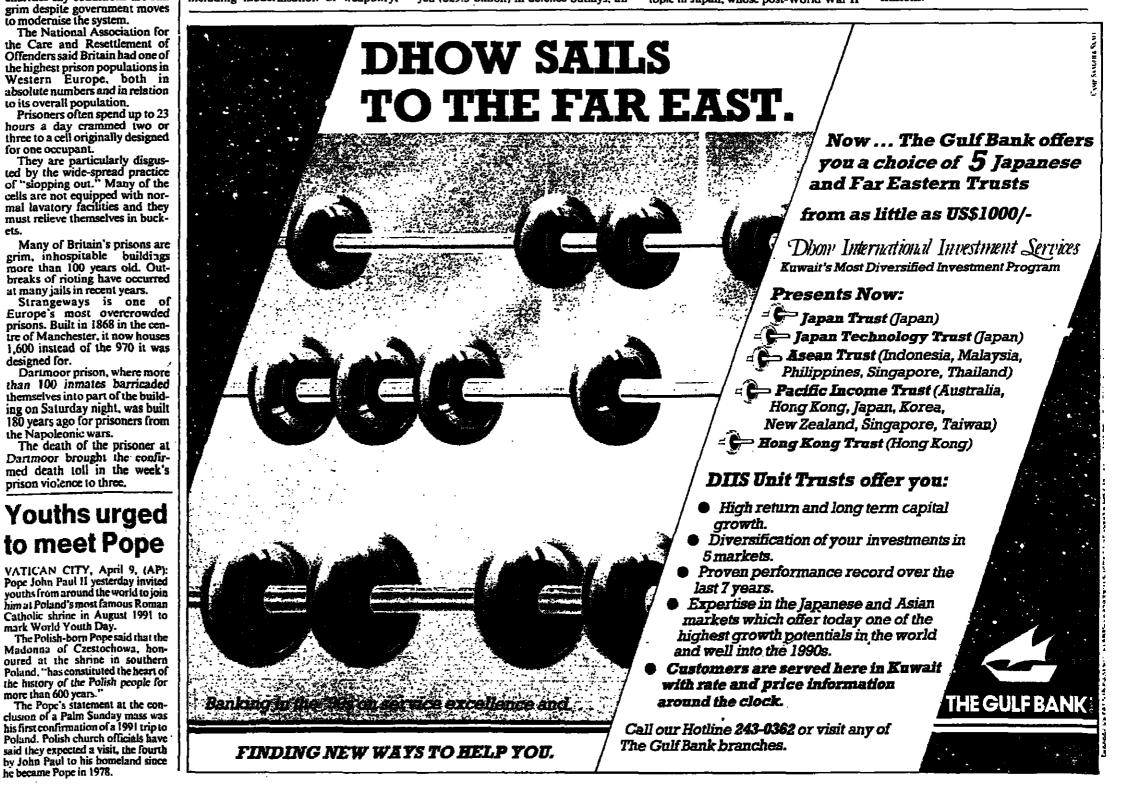
The spending plan calls for 4.16 trillion yen (\$29.3 billion) in defence outlays, an increase of about 6 per cent from the previous fiscal year.

Japanese officials have said the increase is needed to improve housing and living conditions of the self defence forces and help meet US demands that Japan pay more or all of the cost of maintaining 50,000 US troops in the country.

Military spending remains a sensitive topic in Japan, whose post-World War II

constitution bans offensive military capability and renounces war as a means of settling international disputes.

Hiyoshi's comments came in response to questions from Shoichi Ichikawa, a legislator from the opposition Komeito (clean government) Party, who asked whether the government had revised its view of the military threat posed by the Soviets in light of reduced superpower tensions.



Communists ahead in Slovenia polls

Runoff between Kucan and Pucnik possible

LJUBLJANA, Yugoslavia, April 9, (AP): First-round election results in the liberal republic of Slovenia indicated today that the first freely elected president since 1945 would be picked in a runoff between a reformed communist and a conservative

With 90 per cent of the ballots from Sunday's presidential elections counted, communist candidate Milan Kucan led with 44.5 per cent and Joze Pucnik of the right-of-centre Demos opposition coalition was second with 26.1 per cent.

Independent candidate Ivan Kramberger, considered an outsider before the elections, was third with 18.8 per cent, and Liberal Party candidate Marko Demsar trailed fourth with 10.5 per cent. Since Neither Kucan nor Pucnik received an

absolute majority of more than 50 per cent of votes in Sunday's polling, they will meet in a runoff on An estimated 1.1 million Slovenians, or 75 per cent of eligible voters, voted in the first multiparty

elections in Yugoslavia since World War II. They chose among 17 parties for the new Slovenian parliament and among four candidates for

The first-round results "suggest that Slovenians

have opted for a peaceful transition from a singleparty monopoly to a parliamentary democracy, Kucan, a key engineer of the republic's road to democracy, told the Associated Press.

Pucnik, a former dissident who spent seven years

in Slovenian prisons in the 1950s for his opposition to communism, said he was confident of winning the runoff "because those who voted for Kramberger and Demsar will now probably vote for me."

Political analysts predict a close race between Pucnik, who advocates quick secession, and Kucan, who has called for a more cautious approach. Initial results suggest that the Slovenian com-

munists, who recently renamed themselves to Party of Democratic Renewal, will become the largest single party in the multi-party parliament, but will face a tough Demos coalition consisting of five conservative parties.

Partial results indicated the former communists would collect about 21 per cent of votes for representation in the future 240-seat Parliament, while five parties belonging to the Demos would have about 35 per cent.

Due to the slow and complicated counting process, official results of the parliamentary vote were expected only tomorrow.



Pucnik waves to supporters after he and his wife voted in the elections. (Rec

Forum wins Hungary polls

BUDAPEST, April 9, (AP): Leaders of the conservative Hungarian Democratic Forum were faced today with the task of forming a government after free parliamentary elections that ended four decades of commun-

According to unofficial final results, the Democratic Forum won 165 of 386 parliamentary seats at stake in yesterday's voting and in a first round of ballotting two weeks ago.

Supporters at the Democratic Forum headquarters clapped and whistled as the party's leader. Jozsef Antall, flashed a victory sign and announced, "we've won the elections," even before final results were in.

The crowd also applauded when a Forum official read the unofficial tally for the Agrarian Smallholders and the Christian Democrats, which came in third and fifth. Both are considered likely coalition partners, largely sharing its Christian values of family sanctity and emphasis on Hungarian tradition.

The party's chief rival, the liberal league of Free Democrats, was a distant second with 92 seats, according to results issued by the national vote counting center.

The Socialist Party created by communist reformers who initiated democratic changes in Hungary that led to free elections, was fourth with 8.55 per cent of the vote and 33 beats.

After the first round March 25, the Democratic Forum had only a slight edge over the Free Democrats, but finished yester-day with 42.75 per cent of the vote compared to 23.83 for the Free Democrats. Formal final results were not expected before

The Smallholders who were third with 43 seats had 11.14 per cent of the vote, and the Christian Democrats were tied for fifth at 21 mandates and 5.44 per cent.

The League of Young Democrats, which is ideologically closest to the Free Democrats, was tied with the Christian Democrats.

Another 11 seats were divided among six independents, four candidates who were supported by more than one party and one candidate of the splinter Agrarian Federation.

The conservative victory was the second in free elections in the Soviet bloc. In East Germany, where Eastern Europe's first free elections were held March 18, conservatives also gained a clear victory. The communists were relegated to a relatively unimportant opposition role.

Antall indicated that he intended to begin preliminary negotiations immediately on forming a government.

Georgia mourns its martyrs US may return to Cam Ranh

Lithuania faces new battle of nerves with military

MOSCOW, April 9, (Agencies): Twenty Georgians killed a year ago at an independence rally were honoured in the Soviet Union on Sunday, but separatist Lithuania faced a new battle of nerves with the military.

As Georgians lit candles and laid carnations at the scene of the tragedy in Tbilisi, several thousand sympathisers gathered outside the Tsar's winter palace in far-off

President Mikhail Gorbachev himself sent a message of condolence to mark the anniversary and Soviet television said such bloodshed must never recur. The Leningrad meeting was clearly sympathetic to the independence aspirations of

But it also supported Lithuan-ia's March 11 unilateral declara-

"Bolsheviks — hands off Lithuania," read a banner, hoisted at the scene of one of the great events of communist folklore, the seizure of Tsar Nicholas II's headquarters during the 1917 communist revolution.

Lithuania's secessionist government said it had outfaced a detachment of soldiers who tried to occupy the Baltic republic's main newspaper offices in Vil-

Six truckloads of troops in militia uniforms drove up at two o'clock yesterday morning, but a crowd of several thousand Lithuanians gathered to block their

The soldiers eventually departed after the intervention of Deputy Lithuanian Prime Minister Algirdas Brazauskas, head of the republic's separatist Communist Party.Lithuanian parliament's information bureau said.

Soviet troops have taken over several key buildings in Vilnius over the past two weeks, sometimes denying access to local officials. A small group has been in the

newspaper offices, where most of Lithuania's daily and weekly papers are published, since March 31 but has not interfered with production.

Meanwhile, a rally to support continued union with Moscow drew several thousand people in Lithuania's main port Klaipeda. Meanwhile in Rome, the Pope's envoy to the Soviet Union

said in an interview published that the Vatican might mediate in the independence dispute if it was asked to do so. Pope John Paul II already has called for talks to resolve the dispute in Lithuania, which is overwhelmingly Cath-

The developments came at the end of Lithuania's fourth week of self-declared independence and a day after 300,000 people railied in Vilnius to press their independence demands on the Kremlin.

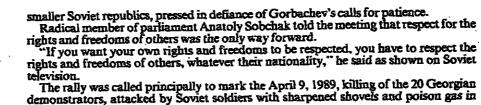
Also on Saturday in the neighbouring Baltic republic of Latvia, radical members of the Communist Party stormed out of a party meeting after fellow delegates refused to declare the local party independent of Mos-

Hundreds of Soviet soldiers arrived at the Lithuanian printing plant about 5 am yesterday in more than a dozen military vehicles, but were prevented from getting inside, according to Romanas Bogdavas, an adviser to Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis.

Eduardas Potashinskas of Lithuanian television, speaking by telephone, put the number of Soviet troops at between 200 and 400, and he estimated that about 2,000 Lithuanians blocked their entry.

Leading Kremlin Con-servative Yegor Ligachev urged the Soviet Communist Party yesterday to expel reformists while party leaders in the western republic of Byelorussia announced plans for a formal purge.

Ligachev accused the party leadership under Mikhail Gorbachev of weakness towards radicals inside the party and demanded it should get rid of them immediately.



The rally was called principally to mark the April 9, 1989, killing of the 20 Georgian demonstrators, attacked by Soviet soldiers with sharpened shovels and poison gas in



Raily in support of NSF

A Romanian boy makes a victory sign during a rally in support of Romania's ruling National Salvation Front (NSF) in Bucharest April 8. About 8.000 supporters joined

the rally which isunched the NSF campaign. (Reute:

E.German talks resume

Leaders still squabbling

EAST BERLIN, April 9, (AP): Weary East Germany negotiators resumed talks today on building a coalition government among political parties that have differing views on unification with West Ger-

More than three weeks after East Germany's first free elections on March 18, party leaders were still squabbling over the new cabinet. The political

much less optimistic.
Richard Schroeder, a leading
Social Democrat lawmaker, told reporters after a fruitless five hours of talks yesterday that the

negotiations had entered a "difficult phase," but that he hoped to see progress today. The East German government is being formed by Christian Democrat Lothar de Maiziere, who leads a three-party Conservative Alliance that holds the

most seats in the 400-member parliament. The Alliance lacks the twothirds majority that is needed to enact constitutional changes to allow unification with West Germany. A coalition with the Social Democrats would give De Maiziere control, but if negotia-

tions with that party fail, he can try tobuild coalitions with other political parties. Schroeder gave no indication as to why talks broke down yesterday. But the parties were likely to be wrangling over who would get which ministries. It was the fourth straight unsuccessful

round of negotiations. The Christian Democrats and the left-leaning Social Democrats differ on the pace of reunification, which was the main issue in the East Germany's first free elections on March 18. The Social Democrats favour a

already struggling against economic collapse. Before today's session, German Social Union chief Peter-Michael Diestel told the East German news agency ADN that he believed agreement could be reached in the course of the day. However, the leftist Social Democrats, who are at

stalemate has led to increasing tensions in a country

odds with Diestel's ultra-Conservative Party, were

Europe home idea

Ligachev mocks

MOSCOW, April 9, (UPI): Politburo hardliner Yegor Ligachev mocked Mikhail Gorbachev's idea of a common European home yesterday and called a united Germany destabilizing for Europe in strident criticism of the Soviet leader's foreign policy.

Ligachev, once the No. 2 man in the politburo to Gorbachev in charge of ideology but demoted in 1988 to dealing with agriculture, told the farmers' newspaper "Sleskaya Zhizn" that socialism was being abandoned in Eastern Europe.

"I am for the development of peaceful coexistence and increas-

ing co-operation between various states (with different systems), but not at the cost of curtailment of socialism and the strengthen-

ing of capitalism," he said.

"If things continue the way they are, then perhaps only the Soviet Union will enter the "common European home" as a socialist state," Ligachev said, taking a swipe at Gorbachev's vision for a Europe of good neighbours.

Ligachev hearkened back to World War II in which the Soviet

Union lost at least 20 million people to explain his fears about reuniting Germany, divided since the end of the war into two states with the mainstay of Nato and the Warsaw Pact.

more gradual form of reunifica-

The parties also differ on the role and makeup of an East German government, which faces dire economic problems

■ West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher wants the first "two-plus-four" ministerial meeting on German unity to take place this month, according to Bonn government

They said he would try to persuade the foreign ministers of East Germany and the World War Two allies - the United States, Soviet Union, Britain and France — to join him in a meeting in Bonn on April 26-27.

Future of undivided Europe. discussed

vakia, April 9, (AP): The future of an undivided Europe was at the top of the agoda as representatives of Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary met today with counter-parts from Austria, Italy and Yugostavia.

New security structures and ethnic problems clouding Eastern

Europe's emergence from 45 years of Soviet domination are likely to figure prominently into the day-long discussions.

The meeting of Central European presidents, presidents, presidents, presidents, foreign ministers and opposition figures opened a day after Hungary and Yagoslavia's Republic of Slovenia held elections that moved them away from monofithic com-

The gathering was opened by Havel, who initiated the meeting. Also attending were Hungarian President Matyas Szneroes, Polish President Wolciech Januzelski, plus the premiers and foreign ministers of the three countries.

Jozsef Antall, the leader of the Hangarian Democratic Forum, the clear winner in Sunday's multi-party elections in Hungary, was absent from the meeting but was represented by his deputy, Ferenc Kulik.

Havel first proposed the con-ference in visits last January to Poland and Hungary, stressing the need for the three countries to

discuss common experiences.

The foreign ministers of Austria, Italy and Yugoslavia are attending as observers and are likely to expand their four-nation cooperation with Hungary in the Alp-Adria Group to include Czeslovakia.

Havel and his foreign minister, Jiri Dienstbier, are among Europe's strongest proponents of disssolving the Nato and Warsaw Pact military blocs and gradually building a federation from what is now the world's most heavily armed continent.

Monday's talks were expected to include discussion of Dienstbier's proposal that the 35 nations involved in the Helsinki process the United States, Canada, and all European nations bar Albania --should create a European security commission in place of the could war military blocs.
The division of Europe in two

parts, as well as the division of Germany in two states, has outlived itself," Diensthier's min-istry stated bluntly last Friday in a document outlining the proposal. The idea was first raised March

17 at a meeting of Warsaw Pact foreign ministers in Prague, when the Czechoslovaks said it elicited a mixed response with the Soviets offering the coolest reaction.

Dinestbler and Havel have moved swiftly to centre stage in diplomatic efforts to restructure Europe now that cold war barriers have fallen and a succession of popular revolts has overthrown hardline communist governments.

Vietnam suggests

WASHINGTON, April 9, (AP): Vietnamese officials privately suggested allowing the US military to return to Cam Ranh Bay if relations between the countries continue to warm, says a US congressman who recently met with them.

Congressman Thomas Ridge, said the extraordinary possibility was raised informally at a forum in Bali, Indonesia, attended by several congressmen and a group of top-ranking oficials of Vietnam's communist government.

A congressional delegation

headed by the chairwoman of the house subcommittee responsible for overseeing US military bases hopes to visit Cam Ranh Bay this week as part of a 10-day trip to Victory Green Signature and Vietnam, Guam, Singapore and Indonesia. The mission's purpose is to explore alternatives to US

military bases in the Philippines. Leases on six US installations in the Philippines expire in 1991 and American officials anticipate difficult negotiations for continued base rights there.

The Soviet Union moved into the US-built base at Cam Ranh Bay at the conclusion of the Vietnam war in 1975, but US defence officials said in January that the Soviets had withdrawn some

fighter planes and bombers.
The possibility of the Soviets withdrawing completely from the base and Americans returning to it was one of the subjects at the Indonesia forum sponsored. by the Henry R. Luce Foundation, Ridge said.
"That possibility was discus-

sed and under the right set of circumstances I think the Vietnamese would welcome it," said Ridge, who saw Vietnam war combat as an enlisted man. "One of the ranking Viet-

namese officials said, 'I can see the day when American ships are docked in Cam Ranh Bay," Ridge said, adding that the officials later specified that he meant warships.

"We said, 'Do you mean inst for refueling? And they said, 'No, for repairs,' Ridge said, Ridge said conditions of the forum prevented him from iden-tifying the Vietnamese official

Congressman Chester Atkins, who also was at the meeting, said returning to Cam Ranh Bay "would require some major changes in the relationship bet-ween the United States and Viet-

But Atkins, who declined to discuss specifics of the meeting, also said: "I think the Vietnamese are desperate. Their economy is in a state of continued deterioration. I think they're willing to look at or think about anything that doesn't endanger their national security that would allow them to rejoin the economic community and modernise."

nam have no diplomatic or trade relations. The US State Department says it will consider relations only after verification of Vietnamese troops withdrawals from Cambodia.

Tietnam on Tuesday will turn over to the United States that remains of 10 persons who may have been Americans who fought and died in the Vietnam war, the US embassy spokesman

said Monday.

A US military team will fly to
Hanoi, the Victnamese capital. to receive the remains in a brief airport ceremony, embassy

spokesman James H. Williams Twenty-five years after US forces staged the first landing of the Vietnam war, Americans returned to China beach to lay

the foundations for a "peace village" they hope will aid victims of the conflict, a participant said Sunday. Gordon Smith, a Vietnam war veteran, said he and nine other

Americans laid the cornerstones for the "village," which is to include a rehabilitation centre.

Blacks mourn activists loss

'Died for freedom'

JOHANNESBURG, April 9, (AP): Thousands of mourners attended the funeral yesterday of four black activists who were fatally shot by police in a clash that caused a postponement of black-white talks on power-sharing.
"They have died for the cause
"Actional National

of freedom," African National Congress leader Walter Sisulu said of those killed in a March 26 confrontation in Sebokeng, a township south of Johannes-At least 11 people died in the shootings, which the ANC cited

as its reason for postponing planned talks with the government. The discussions, originally set for April 11, have been rescheduled for May 2-4, according to the government. Speaking at the firmeral service in a soccer stadium in Sebokeng,

Sisulu said, "I have no doubt that the end of apartheid is no longer going to be delayed." The 77-year-old Sisulu, released last year after 26 years in prison, said, "we also mourn deaths of people in various parts of South Africa who have been

massacred by police." He was primarily referring to the southeastern province of Natal, where over 4,000 have died in fighting between rival black factions since 1986.

Supporters of the ANC have been battling the relatively conservative Zulu organisation, Inkatha. The ANC has accused the police of siding with Inkatha, a charge police deny.

Meanwhile, police headquar-ters in Pretoria said in their daily unrest report that four blacks

died in four separate incidents yesterday. Three of the deaths occurred in Natal. Seven people were injured, including two policemen.

President F.W. de Klerk legalised the ANC and other opposition groups Feb 2. Since then, hundreds of blacks have been killed, most of them in black faction fighting.
In another development yes terday, ANC Deputy President

Nelson Mandela travelled to the organisation's exile headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia, to discuss the planned talks with the government. Mandela is expected to remain in Zambia for several days. Mandela met Saturday evening in South Africa with leaders

of a rival group, the Azanan People's Organisation, and ten-ewed his call for black unity in the battle against apartheid. "Unity in action and peace among our people require urgent resolution," the two sides said a joint statement following the meeting in Soweto, the township

outside Johannesburg. Thousands of mourners attended the functal yesterday of four of the demonstrators shot by South African police, whose deaths delayed talks between the African National Congress (ANC) and Pretoria.

Some of the mourners wore ANC colours while others carried banners saying: "Why did they murder our comrades?" and "bullets won't kill us." Representatives of several

Countries including New Zealand, Sweden and Canada

Romania to establish new secret police force without 'repressive functions' Diescudid not announce any timetable, but accor-

BUCHAREST, April 9, (AP): Interim President Ion Iliescu said after being nominated yesterday as a candidate for May's presidential elections that a new secret police service will be established but that

it would not have "repressive functions." Iliescu, in comments to reporters after a two-day conference in which he was nominated as the National Salvation Front's presidential candidate. said the new security force would not be like the dreaded Securitate, which was dismantled in the wake of the December revolution that ousted leader

The Securitate was blamed for arresting and torturing thousands of suspected opponents to the now-toppled communist regime.

Iliescu said the new Romanian internal security service would not be allowed to carry out inquiries or imprison people.

"It will deal in information and counterespionage, and will be deprived of repressive functions," Iliescu said. "This service will have a new structure, similar to those existing throughout the civilised ding to government officials, the security force is expected to be created by the May 20 multiparty

In a speech opening the Front's first national conference on Saturday, Iliescu rejected opposition allegations that the Front operates like the old Communist Party, saying it was a modern organisation with democratic aims.

About 6,000 supporters cheered Iliescu and waved flags at a civic rally following his nomination as the Front's candidate for presidential elections, to

be staged May 20 along with the first free parliamentary elections since 1937.

"The National Salvation Front will avoid any kind of dogmatism," he pledged. "The Front declared a break with the communist structure ... a return to the past is impossible."

Iliescu outlined an election platform Saturday that was apparently aimed at reassuring Romanians they would not lose the security communism promised them while the country makes economic and other advances.



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein (right) greets Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak at Baghdad airport (Reuter wirephoto)

Hostage freedom according to plan

BEIRUT, April 9, (AP): The Palestinian group led by Abu Nidal said yesterday that plans to free at least three French and Belgian hostages were proceeding, but warned that statements by the Belgian justice minister countered an agreement reached in negotiations.

The statement delivered to a Western press agency quoted Walid Khaled, Beirut spokesman for Fatah-Revolutionary Council, as saying that the release of Mrs Jacqueline Valente, her boyfriend Fernand Houtekins and their daughter Sophie born in captivity was "proceeding according to plan."

"We shall announce the date and place of their release in due time," it

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The group first announced Friday that three on the eight hostages it holds would be released in response to a plea by Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khaddafi. But its latest statement criticised Belgian Justice Minister Melchior

Wathelet for "renegaging in public statements on commitments made during unannounced negotiations."

Khaled did not mention the minister by name, but added: "It is necessary that he correct these statements, otherwise I shall find myself obligated to publish the minutes of the negotiations with the officials of legal representatives of the Belgian government, which included the justice minister himself."

The statement did not give any other details. Wathelet said after a cabinet meeting in Brussels Friday that he had

made no promises to obtain the release of the hostages. On Thursday the government said in a statement that it was pleased with Khaddafi's call for the release of all hostages.

But the attack on the minister suggested the other Belgian hostages seized by Abu Nidal's group off a boat with Ms Valente and her Belgian

boyfriend would not be freed. The Friday statement had attacked the Belgian government for not

making a serious effort to free the hostages, saying only France and K haddafi had taken the initiative on the

But it warned the Belgian government to fulfill unspecified pledges to

'curb Zionist activities against the revolution of our people.' Abu Nidal announced on Nov 8, 1987 that it had seized a group of hostages from the French yacht Silco off the Gaza Strip and accused them of collaborating with Israel's Mossad intelligence agency. Friends said the group was on holiday cruise.

New building

Cairo airport

CAIRO, April 9, (Kuna): Egypt is preparing to build the second,

central, building of its inter-

national airport-terminal 2 to

accommodate five million more

Head of the airport authority

Maj Gen Pilot Abdul Aziz Bader

told Kuna, in an interview that

increased number of tourists

visiting the country in the past

few years had necessitated laun-

ching the study on starting to

He noted that no date has been

set for beginning the construc-

tion awaiting end of studies in

The terminal 2 was recently

build only 2 kilometres away

from the old one and was desig-

ned as three similar buildings in

co-operation with the Paris air-

ing was open to air traffic two

years ago at the cost of 343

million French francs and 40

The airport head official said

that he insisted that all construc-

tion materials for the second

building should be bought from

Egypt unlike the first one which

Pharaonic and Islamic designs

will feature the second building,

he noted and pointed out that 23

Arab and foreign airlines were

using the first building of ter-

Bader said that dividing airline

companies on both terminals depend on intensity of passen-

gers carried by each airline and elaborated that airlines with big

numbers of passengers such as

Kuwait Airways, Saudia, French

and British airlines use the ter-

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Both airport terminals accom-

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No indication that Iraq wants new conflict

BAGHDAD, April 9, (AP): President Saddam Hussein's warning that he would use poison gas to counter any attack by Israel has thrust his battle-tempered nation into a war of words about nuclear and chemical weapons in the Middle East

But most diplomats interviewed in Baghdad saw no indication that Iraq. fresh from the searing experience of the 1980-88 war with Iran, wants to start a

One Western diplomat said the Iraqi leader "isn't suicidal. I don't believe for a mintue he thinks he could overwhelm

The 1980-88 war with fran, with its human and economic cost, pounded home a sense of political and military reality among Baghdad's leadership, diplomats said.

*Because of the war and the sacrifices it made, Iraq is more mature," Deputy Foreign Minister Nizar Hamdoon told a conference on Iraq in London last

Western analysts believe that the need for allies during the war (orced Baghdad to moderate its policies. They cited as an example the rapprochement with Egypt.

ostracised in the Arab world in 1979 for

signing a peace treaty with Israel. Iran, still technically at war with Iraq despite the August 1988 ceasefire, remains Baghdad's chief worry.

Hamdoon noted that the "long-term prospects for peace are very bleak indeed" because internal divisions in Iran are blocking peace negotiations.

Still, little more than three years after experts predicted Suddam would fall before a massive framian assault pattering Iraq's borders, he is bolstering his oil might and flexing his military muscle.

Iraq has built the most formidable

temonal arsenal outside Israel. Israel, alarmed at the build-up by Iraq and other Arab states, sees its long-held technological superiority eroding.

Diplomats in Baghdad believe that real concern of a pre-emptive Israeli strike, not mere sabre-rattling, lies behind Saddam's warning last Monday.

When the Gulf war fighting halted in 1988. Iraq had a 1 million-man, battleseasoned Army and missiles capable of hitting either Tehran or Tel Aviv.

In February, Iraq announced it had tested missiles with a 2,000 kms (1,250-

mile) cance - enough to strike into Europe or the Soviet Union.

An Israeli air raid in 1981 that knocked out a nuclear reactor near Baghdad still haunts Saddam's government.

Iraqis grew alarmed in late December when Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, reacting to the Iraqi missile tests, said his country reserved the right to respond as it thought fit. Iraq saw that as

Fears rose as other Israeli officials and newspapers spoke of the need to neutralise Iraq's growing missile power.

Egypt is

defusing

tension:

CAIRO, April 9, (Agencies): Hans-Jochen Vogel, chairman of

West Germany's Social Democratic Party, said yester-

day he believed Egypt was doing its utmost to defuse tension

created by the Iraqi president's

threat to use chemical weapons

Vogel spoke at a news con-ference at the end of his two-day

visit during which he met with President Hosni Mubarak,

Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-

The German opposition leader flew in from Israel where

he said he got the impression that

if Shimon Peres would succeed in forming a government, an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue will

Peres is putting together a

Asked to comment on Middle

cabinet that is expected to go to

parliament next Wednesday for

East peace efforts in the wake of a

statement by Iraqi President

Saddam Hussein last week in

which he threatened to destroy

half of Israel it the Jewish state

attacked his country. Vogel replied: "Of course the Israelis I

met expressed concern about this, but I think Egypt and the

president of Egypt did in a very responsible way what was possi-ble to bring this irritation to an

given circumstances was done.'

to prevent Hussein's statement

from damaging the peace

He said he understood from

some explanations why the

president of Iraq was upset by

this or that," in connection to his

charged that Israel sought to

attack his country. His statement came after the United States and

Britain accused Iraq of trying to

violate export controls by smug-

gling capacitators that could be

"I made it completely clear that we dislike threats," Vogel

"I said that with regard to the

use of chemical weapons. I say

used in atomic bomb triggers.

In making the threat, Hussein

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start in a very limited time."

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against Israel if attacked.

Vogel

Break bones orders

Three Israeli soldiers testify

TEL AVIV, April 9, (AP): Three Israeli soldiers testified yesterday that they were told that orders to break the bones of Pulestinian prisoners came from a high echelon. One said he believed the orders originated with then-Defence Minister Yitzhak

The soldiers reserve Sgts Guy Neeman, Amiram Avirosh and Ronen Ferber - were called as defence witnesses in the court martial of Col. Yehuda Meir, the former commander of the Israeli troops in the Nablus area of the

West Bank. Meir, 38, who left the army in 1989, is charged with ordering soldiers to break the limbs of detainees taken into custody in

the West Bank villages of Beita and Hawwara in January 1988. The trial began last month after state attorney Yosef Harish overturned an army recommendation to allow Meir to resign from the Army and avoid court

martial.

Col. Menashe Finkelstein, chief prosecutor of the Army, suggested in cross-examination of the defence witnesses that the orders had in fact originated from the officers in the field.

But at the start of the trial. Meir was quoted by the Hada-shot newspaper as sugesting the orders to break bones originated from a higher echelon.

The entire leadership of the Israeli defence forces from the defence minister through the chief of staff and other commanders ... will have to answer questions they may wish to silence," he was quoted as saying.

At the third session of his trial, Meir sat impassively, often similing to himself or turning to his wife, as the three soldiers detailed the brutal actions in Beita on the night of Jan 19 and Hawarra two

According to Avirosh, the Beita incident began when the company went to investigate a firebomb attack. He said Meir appealed to village leaders for calm, but gangs of youths blocked the roads and hurled

"We felt humiliated, and we were definitely awaiting the order to attack," he said.

Using a list, he said the soldiers rounded up 12 Arabs who were put in handcuffs and in some cases blindfolded before being put on a bus and driven out of town. After several kilometres they were ordered off and

'beaten very badly," he said. Avirosh said he was not chosen to beat the Palestinians but said "at one point I started hitting them myself because I felt I had to release all the tension

"They were lying on the ground, screaming and crying and whimpering. Afterwards, we were in shock. I couldn't believe that I behaved this way. It was like a horror," he r counted.

He said the company com-mander, identified only as Eldad, talked to the soldiers after the incident and told them "it was not easy for him to give us this order.

Recalled Avirosh: "(Eldad said) it was immoral, but the order came from high up, I think he said from the defence mini-

Rabin, who resigned last month when the Labour Party left the coalition government, told a news conference on Jan 19. 1988, that the Army had orders to quell riots with "force, power and blows.

Rabin subsquently said the policy was intended to quell riots without gunfire and denied that he authorised the breaking of prisoners' bones.



Two young boys on their fathers' shoulders carry a wooden cross and large palm frond as they take part in the Paim Sunday procession on the Mount of

Olives retracing Jesus Christ's tootsteps as he entered Jerusalem. (Reuter wirephoto)

their sand-bagged shelters and damaged homes in

The television station run by Samir Geagea's

Christian Lebanese Forces militia broadcast

videotape showing thousands of people attending

the 310-square-mile (800-sq-km) Christian region.

Palm Sunday marred by fighting

Rival Shiites clash in south Beirut

BEIRUT, April 9, (Agencies): Christian worshippers braved sniper fire to attend Palm Sunday religious services in shell-pocked churches, but inter-Christian firefights stopped relief workers from pulling rotting corpses from a Beirut bat-

And in Beirut's sprawling southern suburbs, rival and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah movement fought a street battle that left three people dead and three wounded, security officials said.

The rival Shiites fired machine guns and rocketpropelled grenades in the three-hour skirmish in the residential areas of Shiyah and Ghobeiri, the officials said.

It was not known what caused the inter-Shiite violence to flare. Hezbollah and Amal have battled for more than three years for leadership of Lebanon's 1.5 million Shiite Muslims.

In southern Lebanon, artillerly shells fired from the Israeli-proclaimed security zone hit six Shiite villages around the market town of Nabatiyeh, 33 miles (53 km) southeast of Beirut, police said. One person was killed and six wounded in the bombardment, police said.

In Christian East Beirut, children in white garments and waving candles and olive branches led flocks of Christian faithful past front lines, where

troops from rival Christian forces brandished machine guns and anti-armour rockets. Many youngsters were shouldered by smartly dressed men as thousands of families emerging from

festivities inside churches with shell-damaged ceilings and shrapnel-cut furniture. Although Christian clerics urged Ger

owers and their foes from the army of Christian military Gen. Michel Aoun to maintain calm, the annual festival was marred with violence. Military sources loyal to Aoun said workers of the

Lebanese Red Cross were caught in crossfire at the devastated town of Qlaiaat in the mountainuous district of Kesrouwane, 12 miles (19 km) northeast of Beirut as the rescuers tried to recover seven

decaying bodies from the battleground.

While the Red Cross tried to pull the militia corpses, gunmen advanced and attempted to boost their positions," a spokesman of Aoun's army said.

 Israeli troops and allied militiamen retaliated for an assault yesterday by shelling villages in south Lebanon. Security sources said two people were

killed and nine wounded in the attacks. Arab League foreign ministers trying to bring peace to Lebanon welcomed a decision by Geagea to

About 2,000 Christian pilgrims opened the Easter season in Jerusalem with a procession down the

the same if another party would recognise Lebanon's Syrian-backed President Elias threaten with nuclear weapons," he said in an apparent reference to Israel which is reported to pos-

Mount of Olives on Palm Sunday, singing prayers in many languages.

sess nuclear weapons. Vogel expressed his absolute

opposition to settlement of Soviet Jews in Israeli-occupied Arab territories. Vogel emphasised that the

Soviet Jews have the right to emigrate to Israel, but stressed his Socialist Democratic Party opposes their settlement in the occupied Arab lands and has informed Israeli leaders of this stance.

He said his talks with President Mubarak covered the stalled Middle East peace process. German unification and issues pertaining to Egyptian

economy.

Vogel said he discussed with President Mubarak and with Israeli leaders during his visit to occupied Palestine last week current Israeli brutalities against the intifada. He warned that such oppressive acts contradict with international laws and norms and would certainly lead to isolation of Israel in view of growing death toll among Palestinians.

He called for speeding up efforts to begin an Israeli Palestinian direct talks in Cairo, especially after President Mubarak declared Egypt's readiness to prepare for such a dialogue and secure its success.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Jordan to reopen embassy in Libya: Jordan has sent two diplomats to Tripoli to repossess the Jordanian embassy burned down by Libyan crowds in 1984, a Foreign Ministry official said

He said Hisham Muheissen and Ahmed Sahouri, both with the rank of ambassador, would inspect the building repaired at Libya's expense after the two states agreed to improve ties.

Jordan announced it was restoring diplomatic

relations with Libya in 1987 ahead of an Arab League summit in Amman but no action was taken to reopen embassies. (Reuter)

Bomb scare at Cairo school: Anonymous bomb threats today forced the evacuation of hundreds of children from the British International

School in Cairo, the headmaster said.
Headmaster Harry Carson of Lisburn, Ireland, said some 460 mainly foreign children were evacuated after he received three bomb threats by telephone.

After a two hour search of the grounds by bomb experts failed to reveal anything, staff and children returned to the school and classes resumed. (Reuter)

Mubarak to visit Moscow, Damas-CUS: President Hosni Mubarak said yesterday he planned to visit the Soviet Union and Syria next May, the official Middle East News Agency reported.

Mubarak was scheduled to visit Moscow last month, but Cairo-based diplomats said a row over

the migration of Soviet Jews to Israel forced a postponement of the trip.

Mubarak will also visit Syria for talks with President Hafez Al Assad, the agency reported. It said Mubarak would hold consultations in Cairo with Lebanese President Elias Hiruwi before meeting

Kurd guerrillas killed in clash: Suspected Kurdish guerrillas clashed with security forces near the Iraqi border and at least nine suspected rebels were killed. Turkish news agencies reported.

The semi-official Anatolia news agency quoted the semi-official common Nuff Kanahas saying that

Assad. (UPI)

deputy regional governor Nafiz Kayah as saying that the clash took place when security forces acting on a tip surrounded a group of rebels Saturday afternoon pear Oymakkaya village, 40 km (25 miles) from the Iraqi border. (AP)

Hundreds of pelicans die

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 9, (AP): About 250 pelicans washed up dead on Israeli beaches yesterday and Nature officials said they had apparently drowned from exhaustion, Israel television

Another 200 were found expiring but alive, the television said. Inspectors from the Society for the Protection of Nature rounded these up and began trying to save them.
Officials from the society suspected mass poision-

ing at first, but autopsies done on the beaches deter-mined that they simply drowned, probably from exhaustion, the TV said. "This is not poisoning that happened here, and it is not a disease. It's exhaustion and the truth is they drowned." said Dr Amnon Lavov, a veterinarian for

Israel is a major migration route for birds return-ing to Europe from winter feeding in Africa and the pelicans apparently were blown out to sea in a storm on their way north, Lavov said.

They probably became exhausted over the sea and could not continue their flight, he said.

Corruption charges exaggerated: Prime Minister Mouloud Hamrouche acknowledged that corruption existed in Algeria but said charges that former officials robbed the country of \$26 billion were irresponsible and grossly exaggerated.

In an interview with the official Algerian news agency APS, he dismissed charges by former prime minister Abdelhamid Brahimi that the unnamed officials had pocketed \$26 billion in bribes and commissions on foreign contracts. (Reuter)

Palestinian presence in Lebanon: Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has called for a new pact with Lebanon to organise the armed presence of his men in the country, his strongest military base in the Middle East.

"We would like to co-operate with the Lebanese government and discuss a new Lebanese-Palestinian accord," he was quoted as saying by Beirut's independent An Nahar newspaper today. (Reuter)

recover rare stolen mosaic

AMMAN, April 9, (AP): Police said vesterday they arrested three antiquities thieves and recovered an important, 1,200-year-old mosaic that was damaged when pried out of a desert castle. The 5-by-6-metre (yard) mosaic with a "tree of life" design

was stolen April I from the floor of Hallahat Castle and will now bekept in a museum.

The ministry said the mul-

ticolour design, depicting a large tree surrounded by lions, bulls, goats and birds, was created in the 8th century when the fortress was used as hunting outpost by early Islamic rulers. The Roman and Islamic for-

tress hes 45 km (30 miles) north-

east of Amman. Antiquities director Ghazi Bisheh told the Associated Press that the mosaic was the only nearly complete early Islamic mosaic in Jordan "before it was stolen, but obviously the gang dropped it somewhere while they were harrying to leave the castle."

Jordan police US Senate delegation in Damascus talks

DAMASCUS, April 9, (Agencies): A US Senate delegation headed by minority leader Robert Dole arrived in Damascus yesterday at the start of a Middle East tour centred on regional peace efforts and the plight of Western hostages held in Lebanon. Dole and five other senators were welcomed at the airport by Foreign

Minister Farouq Al Shara. Officials said Dole held talks later with Shara and was scheduled to meet President Hafez Al Assad before leaving for Cairo today. "I am here to learn about Syria. We know that Syria is a key country

in the peace process if it (the process) is to succeed, "said Dole, who met President George Bush on Friday.

The Senate Republican leader said in response to a question that his mission carried no specific initiative towards bringing peace to the

Dole said the fate 17 Western hostages in Lebanon, where Syria is the main foreign power broker, would be discussed during his talks in Damascus. Eight Americans and three Britons are among those believed held by pro-Iranian Muslim miltants.

Dole, his fellow Republicans Alan Simpson, James McClure, Frank Murkowski and Charles Grassley, and Democrat Howard Metzenbaum will also visit Jordan and Israel.

Reports from the Jordanian capital said a silent procession is to be held on Wednesday to protest the visit of the US Senators. Representatives from the Arab-American anti-discrimination committee will lead the procession in which the Mayor of Jerusalem Rouhi

Al Khatib and expelled Palestinians will take part.

Peres solidifies his position to form next Israeli government

(Reuter): Israel's Labour Party leader Shimon Peres has lured political defectors to his side and has solidified his prospects of heading the next government.

Religious parties, which had sworn loyalty to the rightist Likud Party of caretaker Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Analysts said the rabbis' desire to secure money for their religious institutions would override any ideological considera-

Peres has vowed that the cabinet he presents to parliament for approval on Wednesday will accept a US peace proposal to push stalled Arab-Israeli peace efforts forward.

"We will form a stable government that will focus on two central issues, peace negotiations and immigration," Peres said

political haggling by Likud and Labour to sway defectors to their ranks, continued a

massive campaign for change in the electoral system.

On Saturday some 150,000 people demonstrated to abolish the system of proportional representation that gives religious parties the balance of power. Police said it was the biggest rally ever in

Avraham Sharir. guarantee that they could vote freely on Palestinian issues and also introduce legislation to repeal a law banning meetings between Israelis and members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Until yesterday Peres only had the support of one of four religious parties. Agudat Israel. But as Likud's chances to block Peres's bid to the government waned, religious party leaders began talking about Peres in reconciliatory terms.

Party ... must start negotiating with the leader of the new government," said Yigal Bibi of the National Religious Party.

Ethiopian air raids on Masawa

NAIROBI, April 9, (Reuter): At least 24 civilians were killed and 75 wounded yesterday as Ethiopian air force jets bombarded the rebel-held Red Sea port of Masawa, rebel radio monitored in Nairobi reported

The Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea radio said four Soviet-made MiG jets repeatedly attacked a densely populated area of Masawa.

Earlier, the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) said in a telex message to Renters in Nairobi that 12 civilians died and 45 were injured in another day of air raids on Friday, when bombs were dropped on the commercial centre of the town.

Masawa was captured by the EPLF after heavy fighting in February. Eritrea, bordering the Red Sca in northern Ethiopia, is the centre of Africa's longest-running civil war, now in its 28th year.

Peres also secured the support of three small leftist parties and Likud defector began softening their tone towards Peres, It was his most rewarding day since President Chaim Herzog asked him to Over the past week, the radio said, successive Ethiopian air raids have who is trying to break a 60-60 deadlock in "If Likud is not able to keep its own killed a total of 71 people. the 120-seat parliament. people, I think the National Religious form a government three weeks ago.

But the Israeli public, disgusted by the The Socialist Mapam Party and the civil rights movement gave their backing on the

No amendments to labour law: Thamer

THE Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour has no intention to amend the new labour law of the private sector that has been in effect for the past year.

Speaking on the issue, Mohammed Shabnan Al Thamer, assistant underecretary at the ministry commented that the ministerial decision organising work permits had been supported by a section of people and rejected by others. Specifically, he said there is strong opposition to the decision not to allow workers to transfer from one company to another in the private sector until

Oil reserves to last over 100 years: report

ABU DHABI, April 9, (Opecna): The oil reserves of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates will last more than 100 years, according to the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

A new study made by the chamber said that the Saudi reserves would last 136 years, while those of Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates would do so for 206 and 173 years respec-

The reserves, together with those of other Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states — Qatar, Bahrain and Oman — stood at 455.4 billion barrels in 1988, about 45.9 per cent of the world

The UAE the study said, was the second largest GCC oil producer in 1988 with an average daily output of 1.5 million B/D. In terms of gas production, it came fourth in the region with 77.5 billion cu. It. Total GCC gas

output was 774.5 billion cu. ft.
The report put the UAE second to Saudi Arabia in oil export earnings, eight billion dollars against the kingdom's

19.6 billion.
GCC domestic product totalled 139.2 billion dollars, while its foreign assets stood at 117.5 billion, according to the

NEWS IN BRIEF

Municipal meeting

THE Minister of State for Municipal affairs Mohammad Al Sayed Abdul Mohsen Al Refai presided over a meeting of the ministerial service committee, which contains on its board the Minister of State for Housing Affairs Naser Al Roudhan, Communications Minister Abdullah Al Sharhan, Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Al Mazeedi, Electricity and Water Minister Homoud Al Roobah and Public Works Minister Abdul Rahman Al Houti.

The committee discussed a number of issues relating to the execution of vital services in designated areas and stressed the need for speeding up work at this stage.
The committee also discussed

ways of speeding ur the provision of all needed major services to farmers in Abdali and Wafra. particularly telephone power, roads and water, and to locate the problem areas and sort out the problems facing farmers due to the lack for these services.

The committee also discussed the charges to be levied on the farmers for the services to be provided, which will undoub-tedly contribute to raising the productivity level in agricultural farms, in line with the recommendations adopted by the members of the committee.

Unified number

THE telephone exchanges of emergency, fire and ambulance department will be unified, a local daily quoted a security official as saying. He clarified that the proposed project aims at giving a unified number for receiving any call of emergency, fire or ambulance.

Drug conference

MANAMA, April 9. (Kuna): Bahraini Interior Minister, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, left here for Loudon to attend the international conference on drugs, due to convene there for the first time on global ministerial level and under the auspices of the United Nations April 9-11.

The conference aims at enhancing the exchange of expertise and information among governments and their associations and non-governmental organisations in their combat against

Qatari prisoners

NICOSIA, April 9, (Reuter): Oatar will free 57 prisoners to mark the Muslim holy fasting month of Ramadan, the Qatar News Agency reported yester-

Company owners criticise restrictions

the worker had completed three years of service with the original However, the official said that

the ministry has decided to abide by the decision, as it has many positive aspects compared to a few negative consequences. Thamer said: "We seek to achieve stability in the labour market and to strengthen the contractual agreements between the worker and his employer."

An exception to the rule, the official said is accorded to workers engaged in contracting companies who are granted permistransfer to a new sponsor prior to completing the mandatory three years period of service. As a further form of assistance, the ministry also permits expatriates who hold family residences to transfer them to work permits. Workers are also permitted to transfer their work permits to other employers if their original companies close business or stop

The decision, which is new, has many positive aims, primarily the one tailored to achie: an optimum population mix and to encourage national manpower

Fruit and vegetable merchants at the market

market bemoan problems

Report price increases: Meshaan

Merchants at Shuwaikh

MERCHANTS at the Vegetable and Fruit Market in Shuwaikh said that despite assurances from officials to resolve problems at the market, no firm

A local daily interviewed officials and merchants

and said that officials categorically deny that there is

any problem with the distribution of stalls and

commented that merchants who reached strongly to

the problem have refused stalls and have given them

The General Controller of Shuwaikh and Jahra

Central Markets, Mohammed Al Meshaan stated

that treatment is justly applied to all without excep-

tions. He said that some senior owners exaggerate the problem. He added that prior to forming the

Municipality Affairs Committee in 1987, the system

was not properly organised and lacked specific

regulations and control. This resulted in some

Streamlining

streamlined the functions and regulations and gave

all equal opportunities in owning stalls. The official

said that priority in allocating stalls is given to the

most senior merchants due to their long experience

in the field. In this respect, 80 square meters of stalls

were distributed to senior merchants and 40 square

A number of merchants stated that Sheds 1 and 3

at the vegetables and fruits market are inactive as

compared to Shed 2. Officials commented that most

merchants who have received stalls at Sheds 1 and 3

Meshaan said that the Municipal Affairs Com-

mittee has reorganised the market to assists con-

sumers to shop at one place without the need to

refused to work, or refused to receive their stalls.

A new decision issued by the committee

owners possessing several stalls.

meters to new merchants.

THE commander of the fire

brigade in charge of the

Shuwaikh and Farwaniya indus-

trial area Lt Col. Hameed Bah-

men has said that the problems

facing the area under his scope of

operation are many, criticising

the failure by some owners of

companies and stores to comply

He said that the Shuwaikh

Industrial area is considered a

high-risk area as it is afflicted

with the frequency of fire out-

breaks. He urged citizens to clear

the roads and avoid crowding

around fire-sites to facilitate the

keep things under control.

passage of fire-engines in time to

He said that most fires at home

are caused by inattention to chil-

dren, who are left to mess around

with matches unwatched by

parents or the maids who are

frequently put in charge of them

He also said that the reasons

for the high frequency of fires in

summer include high tem-

peratures, failure to comply with

storage conditions, the empti-

ness and bordom experienced by

children during the summer

vacation, while electrical

while the parents are out.

with the conditions of storage.

action has been taken.

and workers from the GCC states to take up employment in the private sector. It is further designed to eradicate the trading in work permits and control the excess labour force.

However, Thamer disclosed that the number of work permits issued this year, are more than those issued during the same period last year and is vivid proof that the authorities do not oppose employers in developing their projects. The ministry agrees to all legitimate employers to bring in additional workers where the need is genuine, the official added.

Meanwhile, a number of

3.85

travel to other sheds. He said that he agreed that this

method did create some disadvantages, but the issue

The official attributed the rise in prices at the

market to the merchants greed for seeking higher profits and added that the consumer protection

offices are open round the clock and called on the public not to hesitate to voice their complaints with

He pointed out that the department had issued

199 citations to merchants last Feb and 97 during March 1990. Meshaan said that a plan is under way

to standardise specifications to unit containers on

weight and size basis and the project is to be

Meetings

chants said that he has been working in this field

since 1958 and indicated that since he located to the

Shuwaikh market he had never occupied the same

stall. He said that senior merchants are now intend-

ing to hold meetings as they have come to the

conclusion that the Municipal Affairs Committee is

Abdul Mehsen Ali Al Wazan, who inherited the

business from his father said that many new mer-

chants cheat the customers both in weight and prices

and consequently, customers have come to distrust

owners. This has consequently reflected negatively

on the level of sales. He cited an example of low sales by pointing out that in the past the vegetables and

fruits market received over 100 freezer trucks daily,

but this has reduced drastically. Most merchants

have given up this type of profession, particularly

national manpower which is replaced by non-

guilty to justice.

ing of 20 storeys.

nologies in this field.

sprinkling networks.

they have perpetrated such as

embezziement, or theft, but the

committee will be able to foil

their intentions and bring the

has modern fire-fighting engines

and rescue equipment fitted with extendable ladders that could reach high-rise buildings consist-

He added that the firemen are

well-trained and are continually

sent to special training courses

abroad to polish their skills and keep in touch with the latest tech-

He stressed the need for all

owners of companies or stores to

organise the process of storing.

keep power installations away

from inflammable material

and install automated water

insulate the contents of the store,

He added that special inspec-

tors will regularly visit stores and

companies to ensure that method

of storage and assortment of

goods complied with the Kuwait Fire Department code, adding

that violations will be punished

by fines ranging from KD150 to

He said that the fire brigade

not extending merchants any facilities.

Kuwaiti merchants.

Haphazard storage causing

Violators to be fined

appliances and matches are at

Bahmen pointed out that cars

will occasionally catch fire dur-

ing the summer due to the extra

temperature load on the engine

caused by the continuous opera-

tion of in-built air-conditioning

systems, or the electrical

overloads caused by the 100

many connections to the car's

power system, as practised by

youths who soup up their audio

He blamed the erroneous

stacking patterns when material

is stored as a causative factor in

fires and said this also hampers

free movement of firemen and

complicates the fire fight. It is

also a direct cause for the spread of fire to neighbouring areas,

The area has a special commit-

tee of specialists who investigate

the details of seemingly

ambiguous fires to establish

whether the fire was intention-

ally lit or started for natural

He pointed out that some peo-

ple will intentionally set fire to

thier stores or shops or even cars

to avoid being caught for crimes

reasons, Bahmen said.

systems.

Bahmen said.

fires: Shuwaikh fire chief

Nouri Abdul Al Nouri, one of the senior mer-

will be redressed during the coming days.

respect to higher prices.

implemented in all GCC states.



the country for decades.

ducted a poll.

Adnan Ashkanani stated that
he had used mobile telephone pect to mobile fixed telephones, he said that this device can be

On the pricing structure, he said that one device sells for as much as KD1,750. He said that with the increase in subscription fees, more users are selling their sets and called on officials at the Mobile Telephone Company to look into the feasibility of lowering the prices of these devices. He said that giving a subscriber only 20 minutes calling time is unfair. He said that in the nearby Gulf

states, prices were far cheaper and restrictions on time were more pragmatic. He cited the case of Bahrain where a mobile telephone costs 700 Bahraini din-

Ahmad Al Ibrahim, another ownersaid that he had purchased a mobile telephone set five years ago, but with the increase in prices of subscription fees andproblems related to calling time, he was considering selling his set. He added that the price of the ministry telephone services have increased as they do not have restrictions on calling time. He called for opening another mobile telephone company in the country to improve customer

Students union meets rector

He added that university's rector had pledged on March 11th, 1990 to find the necessary solution to this problem during the months of April and May and the Guidance Committee will hold a meeting to debate the relevant proposals submitted in this connection by the union and the university's different faculties in order to refer its recommendation to the deans committee of

the university. He added that, during the meeting the union had repeated its demands for the revising of firm articles in the regulations.



THOUGH mobile telephones have recently been introduced in the country, walking in Kuwait gives one the impression that such services have been a part and parcel of the daily scene in

owners and directors of compan-

ies and establishments in the

private sector were critical of the

new labour law and described it

as being restrictive and said that

it fringes on the rights of workers

who want to relocate to other

services in the private sector.

These owners commented that

the employer has no legal auth-

ority to compel the worker to

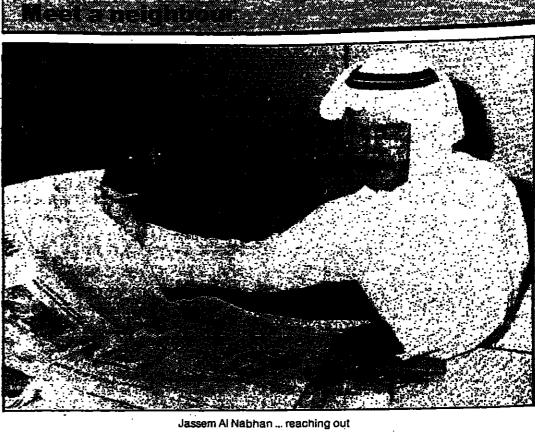
Consequently, the increasing demand for these sets has seen their prices rise as also subscription and fees. To determine the ramifications, a local daily con-

services during the past few years and commented that the pager device is the best due to its light weight, in addition to many inbuilt characteristics. With restaken to diwaniyas and outside gatherings. However, he said that the reception leaves a lot to

WITHIN its efforts to revise the credit hours system regulations adopted in 1986. Kuwait National Students Union paid a visit recently to Kuwait University Rector Dr. Shuaib Abdullah to up the dialogue over such an issue. The union's delegation was comprising the chairman of the union Naser Al Emazi and the chairman of Students Affairs Committee at the Union Naser Bareh.

In an interview with a local daily, Al Einazi was quoted as saying that the discussions with the university rector concentrated on the university's administration move for the solving of this issue in view of the dangerous outcome from the application of the credit hours system regulations since 1986.

He disclosed that the relevant statistics by the Computer Centre of the Kuwait University clarified that the higher education system in the future university was threatened in view of the increasing number of the students who had been dismissed from the university as a result of the application of the regulations in addition to a great number of students who had been issued



Personal touch to children's shows

Jassem keeps the essence

By Lima Al Khalafawi Arab Times staff

JASSEM AL NABHAN, the well-known Kuwaiti actor is one of the few who take time to do children shows and is widely admired. Children recognise his friendly Jassem" in the nonstop serial "Open Sesame" which is based on lines from the famous Sesame Street". In it, he advises and encourages children to learn in a gradual manner and provides guidelines to pronunciation.

He admitted that his latest serial last Ramadan The Greedy" was not successful and speaking candidly said: "This serial was a disaster and I hesitated to take the role of the greedy man but TV authorities convinced the actors to add a touch of personal flavour, and it would be a success. However, sadily it was not" 📑 🗝 🚟 🔠

In his radio programme "Chil-dren's Corner" children call him "Baba Jassem" where he invites them to join him at the studio and tells them fairy tales. Jassem's style is to reach out to children in a simple manner so that children es can enter the wor ful life of imaginary characters.

His spontaneous response to children while acting on stage grows higher and higher as the character engulfs his personality. His last role on stage for children was this year in "Fish and Fisherman." I might mention that I have seen my niece drifting into a world of her own while watching him in this programme with intense interest.

Favourites Jassem's favourite type of acting in on stage. He feels the stage

is where his roots are and takes time from his schedule to go back again and again to perform. He began his acting career on stage as a hobby at the tender age of 14 at school. In 1964 he joined the Popular Theatre working back stage and gradually got involved until he became a stage actor and director. Since then and up to 1968, he attended lessons imparted by Zakhi Tumlimmat, the well known Egyptian stage actor and director. He attributes his success to Tulimmat and was honoured with a certificate from Tulimmat for his role in "Raas Al Mamlouk" in 1975 in Egypt. However, it was not until 1984 when he played his best role on stage in "Dakat Al Sa'a" that Jassem was on his way to success.



. He feels that many a time the essence of stage is lost in commercial productions and the message to the audience is quite contradictory to social values. Young audiences are treated to todays trends and many short stories or parts about the Kuwaiti heritage lose their appeal to these trends. So youngsters are left with no knowledge of their country's beautiful heritage.

About acting he said, an acting career is very tiring. Jasssem does not contradict himself with the character.

Essence

Jassem who performed more than 50 roles on stage, has the lion's share of radio programmes, such as Cultural Ency-clopedia. Top Stars, Bedouin serials and Window of History. Jassem who sounded serious when asked why he does not act in Kuwaiti films, replied that he

would not mind acting in a Kuwaiti film but that would depend on the script, finance and . good location. He added that three Kuwaiti

films were produced and all had the same stories, though our

heritage is full of different episodes. Jassem said that he is working on some serials, but declined to give details saying that they are intended as a surprise for TV spectators. Jassem with deep brown eyes, wheatish complexion, good looks and composed character is

now 45 years old. He is married and has three sons and four daughters. He does not wear a wedding ring and commented that he attributes it to the habit of taking the ring off while acting. So eventually, he got into the habit of taking it off completely instead of wearing it. A heavy smoker he admitted that he can stop for a couple of months. He loves wearing classical suits outside Kuwait and believes in the evil-eye. He drives an old Buick 81 and turns deaf when told to change his car for a new one: Jassem feels young at heart even though his eldest son is married.

Likes and dislikes

Being a typical Leo, he loves his home. He is also fond of the sea and feels at home when is on a boat as he enjoys cooking fish with rice. He is not possessive and encourages his wife in the art of acting. He disclosed that his wife is the Kuwaiti actress Latifa Al Faraj. Besides, his love for boat outings, he said that he spends his holidays in Germany where he enjoys nature, weather and the company of his friends.

Queried on his dislikes, Jassem cited the heavy demands of Kuwaiti women on husbands. He further added that women here ignore their husbands after having their first child. He added that many Kuwait women are usually over dressed and blindly copy Western fashions. On males, he said that he dislikes Kuwaiti men who seem more intent on being seen in flashy cars with girlfriends and wasting their time, instead of building a future.

What irritates him the most, he said that most of these youngersters cannot afford the car or the girlfriend.

Jassem said that he believes in equality between women and men and that women are not less capable than men. However, he added that traditions sometimes hinder women from taking up more challenging jobs. He said that he is against the idea of marrying at a young age as it usually ends up with divorce. He added that the best age for marriages is above 24 for both men and women in which they can shoulder more respon-

Kuwaiti couple arrested

SECURITY personnel of the Hawalli Governorate atrested a Kuwaiti national identified as A.S. along with his Kuwaiti wife identified as N.H. for illegally accommodating 24 infiltrators in their house

Police had been notified that

the accused were transporting infiltrators by sea to Kuwait and providing them with shelter and low paid jobs. A close was posted and on confirming the information, a raid was However, the two defendants

surveillance of their residence

tried to flee by sea in their boat, but were apprehended by the

Investigations are in progress to determine the exact number of infiltrators, the two accused brought into the country.

Miskari receives RIYADH, April 9, (Kuna): Gulf

Co-operation Council assistant secretary-general for political affairs Saif Bin Hashel Al Miskari conferred here recently with Ireland's ambassador to Saudi Arabia, a press release by the GCC secretariat-general said. It added relations between the

GCC states and Ireland. progress of joint negotiations between the GCC and EEC as well as current Mideast developments, topped by the Soviet Jews' immigration to occupied Palestine, were discussed.

New istimara rules from May

THE General Traffic Administration (GTA) will begin applying the new rules and restrictions pertaining to the issuance of istimaras for driving licences as from 1st May this year, according to a local daily which added that no applications for this purpose will be entertained prior to

that date. Meanwhile, security auth-

orities continued investigations: into about 100 persons accused of being involved in paying bribes to obtain istimaras and authorities believe that further investigations are expected to involve many more culprits.

Those arrested at the moment have been kept in judicial custody in police centres at Sharq. Al Madina and Al Salhiya. All the defendants were arrested last These defendants will be inves-

tigated after investigations are thoroughly completed into the cases of the main defendants. Authorities said that all expatriate defendants are liable to face administrative deportation if convicted.

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Kuwait to help build hospital in Gaza

Resolution on funds approved

KUWAIT, April 9, (Kuna): Kuwait will participate in the construction of a hospital in the Gaza Strip within efforts of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) to provide medical assistance for Palestinians under occupation.

The decision was made today during a regular session for the Council of Ministers presided over by 1 is Highness the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah.

Hawalli

security

measures

successful

THE director of security at

Hawalli Governorate Col Abdul

Aziz Al Shamlan was quoted as

confirming that security measures adopted recently for

minimising thefts at the gover-

norate have been very successful.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that the

department is concentrating on

intensifying patrols with the objective of preventing crimes and apprehending criminals. However, the officials said that

thefts entail more security efforts

in apprehending culprits as these

crimes are generally committed by individuals whose identities

are unknown to the police. Further several thefts are attributed

to juveniles and some people who

Meanwhile the official ruled

out the possibility of enacting a

law obliging owners of the stores

to provide security devices to

their stores. However, he dis-

closed that some companies had

independently taken measures

aimed at providing adequate

Activities

Speaking of the nature of the activities of the patrols, the officials said that the patrols

command is an apparatus

affiliated to the governorate and has been established in com-

pliance with a plan adopted by

cheques, trading in alcohol.

juvenile crimes and some drugs were prevailing in the gover-norate Crimes related to drugs receive top priority by security forces in compliance with the

objectives of the National Com-

mittee for Anti-Drugs which had

been formed by an Amiri decree

and chaired by the minister of

address juvenile crimes, the official said that heightened

awarness campaigns, including

increased security programmes

through the informational media

Investigation

KUWAIT, April 9, (Kuna): Ass-

istant undersecretary at the Interior Ministry for Police Affairs Maj. Gen. Mohammed Al Qabandi has affirmed that

investigation continues with a

ranking traffic officer and other suspects on charges of selling

driving learning permits

that names of suspects will be

revealed upon the conclusion of,

the investigation soon ad

indicated that their num is

below 50 and nowhere nea. 200

accused were charged with for-

gery of these permits, but only

He also denied that the minis-

try intends to grant permits for all after apprehending these sus-

pects, whom he affirmed include

one and not eight traffic officers,

He said that none of the

as some reports said.

selling them.

Qabandi, in a statement, said

and enhancing penalties.

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Following the session, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed said the decision was made for "humanitarian reasons to help our brothers in Palestine and lessen their suffering under the Zionist He did not, however, disclose the

amount of the assistance Kuwait will provide for the project which UNRWA

On other issues, the minister said the

council approved the state's budget for the next two years linked with the develop-mental budget prepared by the Supreme

Planning Council.

A report by the Audit Bureau on the financial budget of fiscal 1988/89 was also discussed and submitted for the ministers after including all observations, Al Rashed

He added that a number of agreements signed in principle with friendly countries

were passed by the council this morning including agreements with France and Hungary on protection of investments, an agreement with Egypt on extradition of criminals and an agreement with Chine on economic and technical co-operation

The council also approved a resolution on organising Kuwait's stock market and establishing invesiment and real estate funds by privately-owned Kuwaiti com-panies, he concluded.

Workers condemn anti-Iraq

KUWAIT, April 9, (Kuna): The General Federation of Kuwait Workers has condemned the ferocious campaign against the Arab region, the most recent being US - led

The federation, in a

It charged the Western countries of denying the Arab states their right of progress and self defence and cited as an example US attempts to destroy Libyan pharmaceutical plants alleging it produced

the Middle East.

launch aggression on Iraq.

both governmental and non-LONDON, April 9, (Agencies): governmental organisations Ministers from around the world nvolved in the fight. gathered in London yesterday for a three-day UN-backed sum-All UN member countries

combatting drugs lauded

International conference begins

Arab Gulf interest in

have been invited, and nonmember states and international drug agencies are attending as observers. British Home Secretary David Mellor yesterday lauded the Arab Gulf states' interest in com-

Perez de Cuellar, Prime Minister batting narcoties and their par-Margaret Thatcher and Colomticipation in the international conference on the drugs bian President Virgilio Barco Princess Anne, the daughter of Queen Elizabeth II, addressed the meeting, which is aimed at Mellor, answering a query by Kuna during a news conference

said there is a quite fair represengiving impetus to work started at tation of the Arab Gulf states in the gathering. He pointed out that the Arab an international conference on drug abuse and illicit trafficking Gulf region has a special impor-The last conference produced

tance with regard to lighting drugs due to their geographical location that make them a crossroad to the Indian sub-continent, where drugs-trafficking spreads The British official indicated

their efforts to reduce the supply that he discussed during his recent visit to the Arab Gulf Officials said the London sumcountries with officials there mit will look at ways to cut drug demand through exchanges of means of co-operation to combat

He spoke of the importance of the scheduled ministerial drugs conference and said that participation of some 112 countries with more than 500 representatives so far reflects the paramount international con-

cern in such a nagging problem. Kuwaiti interior minister Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah heads the Kuwaiti delega-tion to the ministerial conference on the drug problem.

Sheikh Salem will deliver Kuwait's speech which will focus on the Kuwaiti experiment in

combatting drugs.

The Kuwaiti delegation to the conference is comprised of several officials from the Interior Ministry including director of the Criminal Evidence Department Colonel Abdalla A. Al Faris, Director of Studies and Research Department Colonel Abdelmajid Khraibit, Director of the Ministers' Office Colonel Yakoub Al Sijari in addition to Issa M. Al Shahin and Dr Mohammed Al Haddad who are members of the national committee for combatting of drugs.

campaign

Western propaganda against

statement said "the campaign targets maintaining the Zionist entity strong and the Arab nation weak."

chemical weapons.

The statement further cited the campaign against Iraq after it executed a British spy and for owning a binary chemical weapon, claiming that it was threatening peace in

The conspiracy against the Arab nation further included opening the door before influx of Soviet Jews to occupied Palestine" with the constant encourgagement and pressure from imperialism." The Kuwaiti workers called

for an official and popular campaign to mobilise inter-national public opinion against the recent American-Zionist threats to Iraq in a bid, to check the American administration and its allies' plans to

Towards self-sufficiency

Agricultural produce canning plant under study

mit aimed at looking for ways to

reduce the growing global

appetite for drugs and combat-

The meeting which began yes-

terday was attended by United

Nations Secretary-General

held in Vienna in June 1987.

moves to give more resources to rehabilitation of addicts and

education about preventing drug abuse. It also led to greater co-

ordination between nations in

and traffic of drugs.

the threat of cocume.

KUWAIT is currently conducting a preliminary study to determine the viability of setting up an agricultural canning plant.

Authorities are currently involved in conducting relevant research on the canning of vegetables and fish products in addition to conducting tests on the fodder industry. In a move to enhance agricultural output, some scientific institutions are studying the possibility of developing some agricultural crops ideally suited to the country's climatical conditions. Deficit

The daily Al Seyassah quoted an official as saying that the current trend has been adopted in the light of Arab shortcomings, including international markets in the area of food. It added that Arab countries import one eighth of the worlds food products and one fifth of the world cereal products.

With the exception of Mauritania and Sudan all Arab countries suffer from a deficit in the agricultural balance of trade and some Arab countries considered to be among the agricultural countries suffer a 50 per cent deficit of its agricultural needs. With respect to the agricultural balance of trade, such deficit in the GCC countries amounts to

US\$277 per capita.
Thus, the GCC countries are keen to increase the level of production in the agriculture sector in Arab and sisterly states. This need takes on added significance when one considers that foodstuff imports represent three fourths of the Arab imports and exceed USS 14 billion, according to 1986 statistics.

The report added that wheat heads the list of Arab imports followed by meat poultry and the value of these imports have a value of USS two billion per annum. These are followed by tea, coffee and tobacco, with sugar fruit, vegetables and oils.



Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Abdul Razaq Al Khalid received at his office on Sunday the Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Kuwait Michael Weston, Issues of bilateral interest were discussed at

Kuwait spearheads Arab Earth Day celebrations

Five-day festival begins April 21

KUWAIT, April 9 (AP): Kuwait is leading Pan-Arab and Pan-Islamic efforts to mark Earth Day on April 22, officials said

Kuwait is host nation of the Regional Organisation for Protection of the Marine Environment, which groups the eight oil-producing countries surrounding the Gulf, and current chairman of the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference, umbrella for the world's Islamic countries.

celebration, starting April 21. It will incorporate World Earth Day '90, the traditional Regional Environment Day, April 24, and an address to OIC nations April 25 by the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, urging them to step up efforts for the protection of the

An exibition of environment paintings, series of lectures by specialists and a media campaign are planned to keep the public well-informed on the dangers of environment pollution, Ibrahim Hadi, secretary of the Kuwait Environment Protection Council told the Associated Press. instruction

He said that Kuwait has translated into Arabic and other languages letters sent by the Californian-based Earth Day Co-ordin-ation Bureau and is distributing them to Arab and Islamic coun-"Upon personal instruction

ment bodies have been alerted to give prominence to this occasion and involve public environment protection efforts," another ROPME co-ordinator Badria

Al Awadi said "the celebration of Earth Day for the first time in Kuwait and the region will help the organisation in ... the protection of the marine environment

ROPME, which was founded

in 1979, comprises the six Gulf Co-operation council states — Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait - in addition to Iraq and Iran. Problems

Ropme is contending with major pollution problems because of an abundance of offshore oil wells and coastal desalination and industial plants. It is also faced with the after-effects of the 1980-88 Iraq-Iran war which includes sunken wreckage and the threat of mines breaking free from moorings. Awadi said this will be the first

time that the region will celebrate World Earth Day along with its own regional Environment Day.

The importance of the day lies in the international approach to environment protection that involves not only states but groups and individuals. We are interested in seeing efforts co-ordinated and standardised,"

Conference

KUWAIT Teachers Society is preparing for the 20th educational conference that will be held under the patronage of the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem between May 12 and 17, 1990. The conference will focus on the contemporary challenges in the Arab world and the school curriculums.

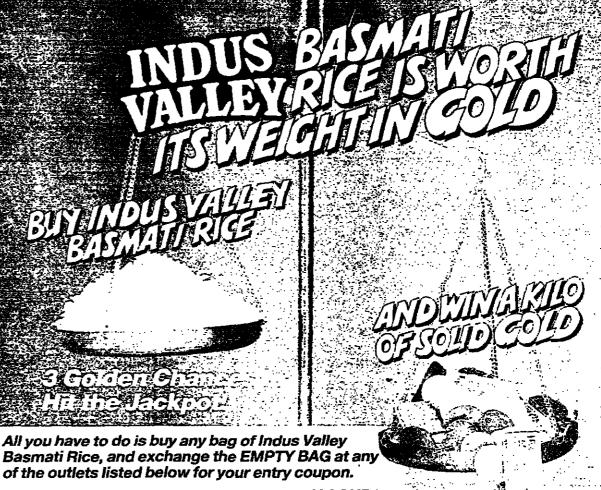


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Ramadan amnesty

Qatar releases 57

DOHA, April 9, (AP): The Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, yesterday ordered the release of 57 prisoners to mark the holy month of Ramadan and Eid Al Fitr celebrations, the official Qatar News Agency

reported. It is customary for leaders of Islamic countries to release prisoners on Muslim occasions. The world's estimated one billion Muslims fast from dawn to dusk during Ramadan. The 3day Eid Al Fitr least that marks the end of the holiday is

expected to fall this year around April 26, depending on when the new moon is sigh-

Earlier in the month, 364 prisoners were released in the United Arab Emirates, The releases were ordered by the rulers of the separate emirates

federated in the UAE.

In the leading emirate of Abu Dhabi, the ruler Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, who is also President of the UAE, also underwrote financial claims for the 150 he ordered



Book exhibition

Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed opened the 10th Social Book Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, Shelkin Haaser mortaining of Amines Opened the Total Social Book Exhibition organised by the Sociologists Society at their premises in Udailiya. The exhibition will continue till Exhibition organised by the Sociologists Society at their premises in Udailiya. The exhibition will continue till Exhibition organises and companies April 17. After the inauguration the minister gave away prizes to a number of establishments and companies oril-17. After the manager and the exhibition. Later, Sheikh Nasser toured the various sections of the exhibition.

Thought for today

HUMAN history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe — H.G. Wells, English Writer-historian (1866-1946).

Moscow-Seoul courtship

North Korea feels jilted

MOSCOW, (Reuter): The flirtation between the Soviet Union and capitalist South Korea has blossomed into romance and die-hard communist North Korea feels jilted. Trade is booming and diplomatic envoys issue visas from commer-

In 1983 Soviet fighters shot down a Korean Boeing 747 which strayed into Soviet air space, killing all 269 people on board. Last month Aeroflot and Korean Air Lines put that behind them and started regular flights between Moscow and Seoul.

Only Soviet consideration for North Korea, the 1945 creation of Josef Stalin's Kremlin, prevents the establishment of full diplomatic relations between one of Asia's biggest economies and the stirring giant

Seoul has been pressing for years for recognition from Moscow, perhaps in tandem with US recognition of Pyongyang.

Relations Senior southern politician

Kim Young-Sam returned from Moscow last month March saying President Mikhail Gorba-chev had told him there were no obstacles to full relations.

But the Kremlin still seems warry of angering Kim il-Sung's absolutist government, though it has fewer qualms now about let-ting its real feelings be known.

It is understood in North Korea that the Soviet Union should and must have relations with South Korea," Foreign Ministry spokesman Yuri Gremitskikh told reporters on

"The question of diplomatic relations is not a priority for either side at the moment. But there are opportunities for the development of practical relahe added, citing as an example the issuing of visas.

"This is a very good starting point and this can be continued." "It will take some time, I elieve," said Gyong Ro-Myung, South Korea's chief envoy - he has the service rank of ambassador, but his title is head of

consular department. and the second second second "They say they cannot afford to completely sever ties with North Korea and they need time to persuade their ally. We want to see the two Koreas coexist in peace.

Others think things will move more quickly.
"It is my personal opinion that we will not have to wait long (for diplomatic relations)." said Vladilen Vorontsov, editor of the magazine Problemy Dalnovo Vostoka (Problems of the Far East).

Recognis "We cannot but recognise a country which has become one of the 10 most developed in the world."

But North Korea remains one of the few communist countries to resist the winds of change unleashed by Gorbachev. An angry editorial in the official daily Rodong Sinmun on Friday blasted its southern rival for trying to cosy up to Moscow and added:

"It is unthinkable on a normal orbit that the Soviet Union will involve itself in the "two Koreas' policy of 'recognising' South Korea in contravention of basic principle."

Meanwhile Moscow-Seoul ties are growing, apparently unham-

pered by the lack of a formal relationship.

Trade was \$600 million in 1989, more than double the previous year.

Gong said it was expected to top \$1 billion this year. More important from Moscow's point of view, the balance was heavily in the Soviet Union's favour.

Gyong's five consular staff operate from the offices of a commercial company in a Moscow hotel. But they have diplomatic protection and in February they issued their first visa, to Moscow University rector Anatoly Logunov. Cultural and scientific ties are also growing. Posters advertising the

impending tour of a South Korean folk dance group are on display in

Different

The Soviet media have also begun to project a different view of the divided peninsula after proclaiming unstituting Kremlin support for Kim II-Sung during his long years of confrontation with the US-backed South, including the 1950-53 Korean War.

Now, while radio and television and the more formal publications stick to a dead-pan image of fraternal, socialist relations with North Korea, independent-minded newspapers are free to criticise.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1552 - France's King Henry II captures Metz and aligns with German Protestants. 1694 - Savoy's duke Victor Amadeus begins siege of Casala in

1741 - Prussia's Frederick II defeats Austrian forces at Mollwitz and conquers Silesia. 1832 — French law excludes families of Charles X and

Napoleon from France; Turkey declares war on Mohammed Ali, Khedive of Egypt. 1864 - Archduke Maxmilian of Austria accepts title of

Emperor of Mexico. 1898 — France obtains concession in China. 1932 - Paul von Hindenlurg is reelected German president

over Adolf Hitler. 1945 - US troops liberate Nazi concentration camp at Buchwald, Germany.

1952 - Soviet Union proposes all-German elections be held under a four-power commission instead of under United Nations supervision and rejects west's views on Germany's

1961 - Adolf Eichmann, former Nazi, is put on trial as war criminal in an Israeli court in Occupied Jerusalem. 1963 — US atomic submarine Thresher fails to surface after a

deep dive in the Northern Atlantic with the loss of 129 lives the worst submarine disaster in US history.

1972 — United States and Soviet Union sign treaty banning biological warfare.

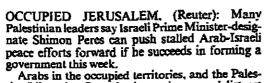
1976 - Israel goes ahead with elections in occupied West Bank of Jordan despite rioting.

1986 - United States conducts nuclear test in Nevada desert despite growing protests among peace groups and strong Soviet campaign for nuclear test ban.

1987 - 151-nation International Monetary Fund wraps up spring meeting without producing any new initiatives. 1989 - British and Australian forces arrive in northern Namibia to monitor planned withdrawal of black nationalist

ARAB@TIMES Peres could advance talks

Palestinians pin hopes on him



tine Liberation Organisation, voice general distrust of Israeli leaders' peace intentions but say the Labour Party is a more likely negotiating partner than the right-wing Likud.

"A new government led by Peres would be a serious first step towards promoting peace," said Sari Nusseibeh, a leading Palestinian nationalist in the Nest Pack.

Nusscibeh says he believes proposed Palestinian-Israeli peace talks in Cairo could take place weeks after the establishment of a government led by Labour.

Peres last month toppled a coalition government led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir over the right-wing premier's refusal to endorse US proposals for the unprecedented talks.

Labour leaders say Peres now enjoys the support of at least 61 deputies, enough to give him a parliamentary majority when he submits his govern-ment for approval on Wednesday.

For the first time in the 42-year Arab-Israeli conflict, many Palestinian and Israeli leaders appear close to a common view of the need to negotiate a peace settlement.

Unlike any previous government, a Peres-led cabinet would include those who support trading land for peace and some form of negotiation with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), officially outlawed by Israel as a terrorist organisa-

Peres, in a scathing attack on Likud leaders a week before the coalition collapsed, said it was unrealistic to think the PLO could be excluded from

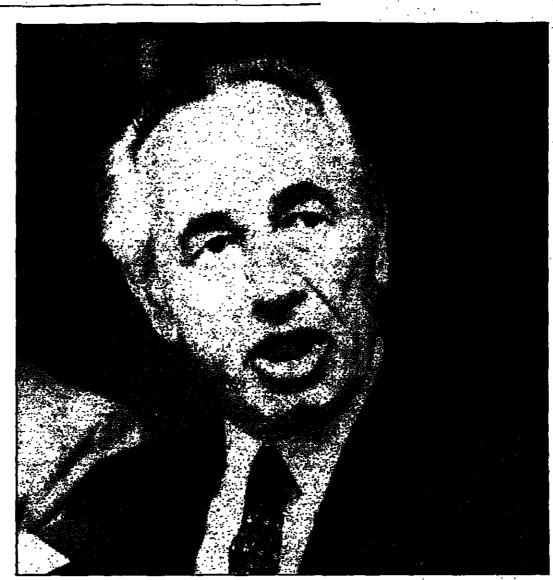
The new government is likely to include Ezer Weizman, Moshe Shahal and Yossi Beilin, who openly advocate talks with the PLO. Palestinians say that their 28-month revolt

against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and

Gaza Strip has brought down many barriers that separated Palestinians and Israelis for decades. They say Israelis now concede the need to negotiate with Palestinians instead of Jordan, as

Labour previously advocated. Strengthened by the uprising, Palestinian leaders feel enough confidence to voice support for Peres in his bid to form a new government next week.

In an unprecedented step PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said on Thursday he had asked seven Arab members of the Israeli Parliament to support Peres'



Peres: has Palestinian backing

bid to secure a parliamentary majority for his gover-

"I have asked Arab deputies present in the Knesset (Pailiament) to vote for Peres and it will be the first time this happens," Arafat told Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti during a visit to Rome. Palestinian leaders in the occupied territories.

though more cautious, have also courted the

"If Israelis change their attitudes (towards Palestinians) they will find that for every step they take there will be a Palestinian one," Faisal Al Husseini, one of the most senior pro-PLO figures in the occupied territories, told Israelis two weeks ago.

Refugees await peace in Zimbabwe

TONGOGARA CAMP. Zimbabwe, (Reuter): From behind a six-foot (1.8 metre) high barbed wire fence, a group of Mozambican refugees stare out at the bleached scrubland around their new home in neighbouring Zimbabwe.

Beyond the fence, two Zimbabwean women

tramp down the pale dust road without turning their heads to look at the tattered refugee camp children waving through the coils of wire.

Fences built around refugee camps by the Harare vernment since 1988 have come to symbolise the growing hostility between 80,000 Mozambicans who fled here to escape civil war at home and the Zimbabweans who took them in.

"(The fence) was put up for their own protection," said Tongogara Camp's deputy administrator, Alexander Sono. "At least this way we can monitor things so there is no basis for complaint."

Government officials decided to sence in the camps dotted along the border with Mozambique after Mozambican National Resistance (MNR) guerrillas said in 1987 they would attack Zimbabwean targets.

Hundreds of Zimbabweans along the eastern border have been killed in raids by the insurgents, blamed in their own country for carrying out attacks

The state news agency Ziana quoted police as saying Mozambican camp inmates also turned bandit by night, terrorised local people, and harboured guerrillas infiltrating.

Police say that since 1986 refugees have been involved in 208 offences, including stock theft,

housebreaking, rape, murder and vandalism. Tongogara camp administrator David Mlambo said press reports of refugee violence were exag-gerated and the fence was built "just to make sure everything is secure."

"It wasn't because of a security problem," he said, adding that any such problems probably occurred at other camps at Nyangombe, Nyamatikiti or Mazowe River. He said inmates of Tongogara were not allowed out into Zimbabwe.

Asked if people from Tongogara ever slipped out on night raids, he shrugged and said: "Once in a

"The country of asylum has responsibility for the security of refugees, and it's their prerogative to take the measures it considers necessary," said Zimbab-we's representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Godfrey

Permission

He said the UNHCR understood refugees were allowed out of the camps if they had permission to collect firewood or go to the nearest village

Over 40,000 people are now penned up at Tongogara, build for 15,000. They say they have enough to eat, adequate sanitary and health care and are safe from the war.

Mijurias Zacarias, a refugee whose weatherbeaten face is topped by a battered peaked cap, said he was happy at Tongogara. "It's safe here, and they feed me," he said. "I only want to go home if there's peace." A state of the said. "I only want to go home if there's

But overcrowding and forced inactivity make the camps a breeding-ground for psychological problems, according to a report presented to a January refugee conference in Harare.

G.C. Sithole, administrator of Mazowe River

camp, said juvenile delinquency, alcoholism and mental illness were all features of camp life.

More than a million Mozambicans have escaped into neighbouring countries from the MNR. Zimbabwe, which has a long common frontier with inland Mozambique speak Shona, the language of many Zimbabweans. The two government have ties of friendship going back to the 1970s, when both were resistance movements fighting to end colonial

However, the bulk of refugees -about 800,000 of them - have trekked north to Malawi, where Mozambicans now make up a tenth of the popula-

Freedom

US Ambassador for Refugees Jewel Lafontant, visiting Tongogara on a tour of camps, said the physical conditions in Malawi were far worse than those in Zimbabwe, but that refugees in Malawi had complete freedom of movement and were accepted as a part of the local community.

"I was very impressed by the generosity of the Malawians," she added. Letters to the editor

Political systems

SIR: All political systems operate within the dynamics in which they were conceived and the basic assump-tions of their ideological foundations. A progressive political system functions analogous to the healthy living cells in a body; it generates vitality, energy, and infuses energetic flexibility in the progressive potency of its competence to the changing political environments. Progressive systems mold, change, absorb, expand, and function with commendable efficacious impacts. On the contrary, ineffective political systems operate the same way as unhealthy cells function: they multiply sick cells and offer uncroding resistance to living vigour. In fact, such systems suffer from body politics – actively impaired deficiency syndrome: BP-Aids. They are toxic and are bound to an agonizing death. In politics, the prevelence of endless status quo is symptomatic of such a scenario.

Is contemporary Pakistan suffering from BP-Aids?

Some existing variables suggest that such an illness is rampant. However, there are also some signs of the recovery of a long-term ailing body-politics. We shall examine these scenarios with tactical retionalization and abstain from the application of emotional prescriptions. Let us look at some of the internal

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has indicated her preferrence to conduct education in the different provinces in their local languages. This step seems to have created a whirocol effect in various political circles. The advocates of Urdu as a national language are deeply concerned. Their future political concerns and good intentions are quite understandable. They view Urdu as a national unifying force in the solidarity of Pakistan, just the same way as they consider Islam a unifying ideology. However, the issue of education in local languages is not quite so simple.

Extension A language is an extension of the genetic being of a

person as well as an identification of the societal being. It is through genetic cognization of language at the early stages of human life that we all develop our perceptions, understandings, and relationships with the society and the universe in which we live. An imposed language of a non-genetic origin in early schooling stages contradicts the fundamental precepts and dynamics of perceptual congnization, making learning difficult, and consequently implanting aggression-frustration feelings in the target population. Hence, the present level of expressed dissatisfaction with not using the local regional languages as the medium of instruction and the assciated aggression-frustration on the part of the provinces is quite Benazir's willingness to allow basic educational ins-

truction in regional languages is indicative of her desire to let the Pakistani political system become more flexible and open up to the neoteric demands of an evolving process requiring some conceptual and policy oriented changes. It is a healty sign. However, Urdu will have to continue as the national language. Also there is always the option to fall back on Urdu should the new experiment with regional languages fail to realize the desired goals. But to remain stead[ast and pursue the status quo on the basis of the fear of failing is symptomatic of the body-politics actively impaired deficiency syndrome (BP-Aids). The Pakistani political system has to acquire energetic vitality to reject notions based on unfounded fears and neurosis. Indeed, the foremost and the fundamental issue in

Pakistan is to shake up the institution of feudalism. It is this institution which is at the core of Pakistan's problematics. The truth is that the political power in Pakistan has been intrinsically rooted in feudal institutions since independence and this power has considerably increased with time. A progressive Pakistani polity cannot originate unless feudalistic institutional powers are drastically cut.

Another indicator of the acute BP-Aids ailment is Pakistan's bureaucracy. Bureaucratic psychic, by its very nature, breeds stagnation and abhors swift changes; bureaucrates are overly obsessed by the notions of rules, procedurs, and legality and they relentlessly pursue the expansion of their power with the aims to maintain power-relations titled in their favour. Consequently, bureaucratic institutions in a country like Pakistan are more or less at odds with democratic processes which target relinquishing and relaxation of controls aimed at altering power-relationships in

Another major source of Pakistan's BP-Aids ailment is the institutional power that the army has come to attain and exercise in the political affairs of the country. It seems that the prime minister has made several political decisions on the advice of the army. Foremost of these decisions is the continuation of Pakistan's Afghan policy. Another questionable decision has been the much publicized and exuberantly expansive Zarb-e Momen military exercises. The government maintained that Zarb-c Momen was aimed at testing new weapons and military preparedness. In the first place, an army must always be prepared; secondly, Pakistan does not have the kind of weapon system that has not been tested before. Zarbe Momen was a political-military exercise that cost the nation a great deal of unnecessary expense; from a public deprivations perspective these military exercises were counter-productive. It has also been observed, an amazing phenomenon by itself, that the elected government in Islamabad has been inordinately expressing gratitude to the armed forces for not interfering in the restoration of democracy in Pakistan. The fundamental question is: Is this symptomatic of the neurosis of Pakistani democracy or has the elected government come to realize that the cancerous growth of military-political power in the BP-Aids ailment of Paikstan is hard to dispense with and is here to stay?

Dr Haider Mehdi

Shuwaikh.

Naked cheating

SIR: I am a regular reader of Arab Times and a keen The Almighty Allah has ordained in the Holy Quran payment for services rendered but this has gone unheeded to.

My colleagues and I have been working for Kuwait Airways for the past eight years as aircraft cleaners on a salary scale of KD 180/- per month. On Mar 14, 1987 Kuwait Airways transferred us to Kasco and the Kasco management asked us to sign the contract papers on a salary scale of KD 101/- per month. This is obviously a pittance considering the high cost of living in Kuwait. In spite of our experience, we receive the same salary as the newly-recruited workers. We've now completed three years and not a single fils has been added to our

We passionately appeal to the authorities responsible to do something about our plight. A downhearted,

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Cuban public opinion hard to assess

HAVANA, (AP): Did the Americans play into Fidel Castro's hands by starting TV broadcasts to Cuba, giving him a credible new complaint about US imperialism, or has jamming the telecasts increased hostility among his people? Judging public opinion in a relatively closed country like Cuba is a highly speculative under-

taking.

Cubans would like a more varied TV menu,
but no one knows for sure what they think of the Voice of America operation, known as TV Marti. For that matter, estimates of support for the revolution itself after 31 years differ wildly.

Like Radio Marti, another Voice of America venture, TV Marti's purpose is to provide balanced news and entertainment to a country where the US government says both are in short

There is broad disagreement about how many listeners Radio Marti has after five years.

One dissident described the audience as "massive," but Havana officials call it trifling.

There are no reliable polls of public sentiment in Cuba. Some people wonder whether Castro is as oblivious to the public mood as were the Eastern European leaders ousted by

popular uprising last year.
Cuban officials insist they have mechanisms that ensure people an opportunity to complain publicly without fear.

In the Regia section of Havana last Monday. local leaders heard dozens of complaints from hundreds of citizens. Gripes were aired about the transportation

system and the uneven distribution of goods to neighbourhood stores. Similar meetings were held this past week all over the island. How durable is the revolution? Can Castro make viable a system that is being reviled in

other places that tried it? A leader of the young communist league on Tuesday night predicted, somewhat extravagantly, that his group would still be functioning in 28,000 years.

Discontent Two days later, a leader of a human rights group predicted, no less extravagantly, that popular discontent resulting from economic hardship will bring Castro down in less than a

Whatever the truth, Castro is going all out to

use the TV Marti issue to rally support.

There is little doubt many Cubans agree with him that the broadcasts, which began March 27. violate national sovereignty.

TV Marti, Castro says, is a "gross instrument of subversion." Naming the station after the hero of Cuba's independence struggle, he says, is like an American naming a house of prostitution for George Washinton. Boredom is a constant companion for many

Cubans, however. They are intensely curious about what kind of programming TV-Martiwould bring and are disappointed by the suc-cessful jamining efforts 1 17 321

The question is, how many are in each camp? The only known instance of a test, albeit limited, of public sentiment occurred in an east Havana neighbourhood a year ago. The results were not encouraging for the government.

A human rights activist, Roberto as a proponent of a free press, free speech and free enterprise — heretical views in Marxist

Cuba. He lost 60-30, but there were 59 abstentions in the show-of-hands vote. Presumably, many who abstained were closet Bahamonde supporters who felt voting for him openly could lead to charges of disloyalty.

The establishment candidate, Gerardo Aldama, won slightly more than 40 per cent of the vote, virtually the same as president Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua in his losing re-election campaign in February.

Bahamonde was arrested two weeks after election night and won't be free until July. The government says his detention is based on participation in illegal meetings and on economic crimes rather than his political stands.

QUOTE ME

on the basis of mutual respect, reciprocal benefit, quality and sovereignty. We have to resolve with the United States the problem of the occupation of a part of Cuban territory. Now that it is in fashion to withdraw foreign troops from other countries ... the United States must do the same thing with Cuba. We do not have any desire for US troops to remain on Cuban territory." — Cuban deputy foreign minister, Ramon Sanchez on the removal of a US naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"One longs for the mountains and the sea. The country is rich and beautiful and the people are so terrific. I don't know how the people have kept their incredible tenderness, courage and compassion." An exiled South African jazz musician in America yearning for South Africa.

"I was really disappointed with my back nine. I had hoped "I was really disappointed with my back nine. I had hoped to get into a position to feel comfortable on the back stretch and really enjoy the win. Instead, I got quite concerned. That back nine was the longest two hours of my life." — Betty King after winning the Dinah Shore Women's Golf Tournament.

"The king, in placing his conscience above the respect of Parliament's democratic vote, has committed a very dinagent."

Parliament's democratic vote, has committed a very dan-gerous act. The very role of the king is now open to question."—Le Soir newspaper castigating the Belgian king for refusing to sign into law the legalisation of abortion. "They noted that since their last meeting, economic

growth has slowed down in several countries, toward more growth has slowed down in several countries, toward more sustainable rhythms. Nevertheless, the prospects for global economic growth remain good, with dynamic investment, that is solidly supporting the economy, weak inflation and greater exchange rate stability. —A G-7 linance ministers' statement on world economy.

"We have information that Escobar Gaviria is trying to we have information that escobar Gavina is trying to leave the country. He is looking for a document with a false name, so we have alerted all airport authorities. We have informed the international police to stop him from fooling the different authorities, inside the country and abroad. Vargas Silva, Colombian national police chief on the vargas Sava, Colombian Landonni pous Escobar after killing 20 police officers.

"It is Prague 1968 all over the place. There is no political dialogue is going on now. You don't meet (Lithuanian leaders) with AK-47 guns. We have suffered so long and so much we would go for any measures which could bring as liberty. But we would prefer not to use the violence." - A Lithuanian leader on events in the republic.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Iran signs natural gas protocol with Soviet Union Migrants

resume the export of its natural gas to the Soviet Union, after an 11-year break, under a new protocol signed yesterday, the Islamic Republic News

Agency said.
Under the protocol, signed in Tehran, Iran is due to export 3 billion cubic metres of gas a year to the Soviet Union, but the volume could be boosted to 10 billion cubic metres, an Irna dispatch monitored in Athens said.

Central

prop up

ailing yen

LONDON, April 9, (Reuter):

The Central banks of West Ger-

many, Britain and Switzerland

sold dollars for yen in early

European trading today to drop up the Japanese currency, which

opened firmer but then faltered

occurred, the currency market

had been trying to gauge how

deeply the Group of Seven indus-

trial nations — the United States,

Japan, West Germany, France,

were committed to helping the

after a meeting in Paris yesterday

that the yen's current weakness

was undesirable, but currency

dealers said in initial reaction

that they saw little sign of an

intervention pact to support the

dollars for yen intermittently in

The yen opened in Europe at 156.70 to the dollar and 1.0810

marks per 100 yen today after

closing on Friday at 157.25 yen per dollar in London and 1.0765

marks per hundred yen in Frank-

But it eased back slightly in

early trading and the Central banks intervened. By 0900

GMT, less than half an hour

after the intervention started, the

yen was quoted at 156.72 to'the'

dollar and 1.9782 marks per 100.

Paris, which lasted almost eight

hours, the G-7 ministers and

Central Banks sent a coded mes-

sage in their final communique

that they would intervene on

currency markets to support yen

and they pledged to "keep develoments under review."

■ Japanese Finance Minister

Ryutaro Hashimoto said Mon-

day that the group of seven

industrial countries' (G7) week-

end meeting proved that the slid-

ing yen was unfavourable.

Hashimoto told the Japanese

parliament (Deit), the G-7

showed their concern that the

unstable ven would stand in the

way of efforts for correcting the

foreign trade imbalance and

prevent the easy flow of money.

US dollar

at the opening of bank transac-

tions here today, from 5.7010 at the fixing last Friday. The pound sterling was traded at 9.33 francs from 9.3390, the

Deutsche mark at 3.3590 from

3.3612, the Swiss franc at 3.7980

from 3.8020, the Belgian franc at

16.25 from 16.253, for 100 Bel-

gian francs, and the Japanese yen at 3.6250 from 3.6255, for 100

Gold was quoted at \$381.96 an

KD foreign

reported.

exchange rate

GENEVA, April 9, (Kuna): At

the start of foreign exchange

trading in Switzerland today, one Kuwaiti dinar was trading at

5.0908 Swiss francs, as against

5.0931 at the close of trading last

Friday, the Swiss-Kuwaiti Bank

Against the dinar, the German

mark opened at 5.7526 (5.7706),

the pound sterling 2.0730

(2.0765). Japanese yen 532.0417

(536.2066), and the US dollar 3.4022 (3.3999).

declines

After yesterday's meeting in

morning Asian trading today.

The Bank of Japan had sold

G-7 finance ministers said

Britain, Italy and Canada -

ailing Japanese currency.

When the intervention

slightly, dealers said.

banks

the gas would start flowing across the Iran-Soviet border, but an earlier report said the exports would be resumed in the next few days.

Iran exported 10 billion cubic metres of natural gas a year to the Soviets during the regime of the late Shah between 1970 and 1979, but the spigot was turned off on the Iranian side of the border in 1979 after Ayatollah not paying enough for the gas. The Soviets, who have the largest proven reserves of natural gas in the world, agreed to terminate a deal they signed with the Shah, rather than pay more.

But in June last year, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev agreed in a meeting with Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani in Moscow that the Kremlin would pay prices based on those available on the world market.

the past few months were spent ironing out a price formula and making technical preparations for a resumption of the gas sales.

Regional analysts said Moscow's decision to start buying Iranian gas again, even though it had an abundant supply of its own, was politically motivated, not commercially.

Iran will use its gas sales to pay for Soviet goods and services needed to

Trading signs

newsletter said.

November

week of April.

Euromea

on May 15

to meet

in Paris

NICOSIA, April 9, (Reuter): Crude oil output

by 13 Opec member states reached 24.09

million barrels per day (bpd) in March, the

highest since 1981, the Middle East Economic

Survey (MEES) reported.
"The MEES estimated for March Opec

production is marginally higher than last year's monthly peak of 24.0 million bpd recorded in December," the Nicosia-based oil industry

The Opec (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) March output level is

wo million bpd higher than the group's

production ceiling of 22.086 million, agreed last

in March and even further down in the price

High oil output levels pushed oil prices lower

MEES said the average price of Opec's

market of seven crudes declined \$1.35 per

barrel in March compared with February.

Opec's declared "minimum reference price".

implement the current 5-year develop-ment plan, running from 1989 to 1994. Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh said Iran expects to earn some \$300 million a year from the gas

Through accounting arrangements, this money will/be paid back to the Soviet Union for its technical assistance to Iran in the building of several dams and power stations, boosting the capacity of the Isfahan steel mill, and

The Soviet Union has managed to improve its relations with Iran, after a dip during the 8-year Gulf war, while Tehran's ties with the United States and Britain remained disrupted.

The protocol signed Sunday followed the arrival in Tehran on Thursday of a delegation of officials from the state-owned Soviet Sayuzgazeksport Company and the Gas Industry Ministry in Moscow.

have hard job hunt in Israel

was a mathematics professor new life in Israel. Now he drives a

Some 50 highly educated city of Ashdod.

tors are sweeping the streets." said David Menna, director-general of Israel's employment

At the canteen of the Jewish

to find work here because of unemployment and the economic situation so they agree to work at any job we can provide,' Menna told Reuters.

Israel's 8.9 per cent unemployment rate is the highest since the 10 per cent registered just before the 1967 six day war and the economy is stagnant. The rate was 6.4 per cent in 1988.

Unemployment is likely to rise further in the coming months, Labour Ministry officials said. For every job in physics there

biologists queue for each laboratory opening. There are seven doctors and seven electrical engineers for each position.

Soviet nuclear physicists, biochemists and geophysicists arrive in the Jewish state daily. Labour Party leader Shimon Peres said: 7,300 Soviet

more than 18,000. Only 10 per cent are unskilled,

technical qualifications But many have very specific skills for which there is no market in Israel - such as ice engineers

and fur engineers. Officials expect about 100,000

While the exodus has alarmed Palestinians and the Arab world,

Israeli leaders enthusiastically welcome the newcomers, saying they will enrich the country with their culture and skills and inject life into the stagnant economy.

"This Aliya (immigration) is like a blessing from heaven. It is the fulfilment of the Biblical prophecy ... they are a good element — motivated, patriotic, con-structive and productive," Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said

But some officials said the government should have worned about employment first.

tral bank's research department. said the biggest challenge was to harness the immigrants' skills to private industry instead of fur-ther bloating Israel's already overmanned public sector.

There is a big question mark over whether the business community will rise to the challenge, he told Reuters.

six months in intensive Hebrew language programmes before beginning their job hunt.

KD interbank deposit rates

Overnight earlier dealt at 7-1/2 per cent, while spot/next dealt at 8-1/4, 8-1/8 and later at 7-7/8.

US dollar declines sharply against yen

Tokyo share prices surge

TOK YO, April 9, (AP): The US dollar closed sharply lower against the Japanese yen today, helping to push the Tokyo Stock Exchange's key index above 30,000 points for the first time since late March.

The dollar closed at 156.45 yen, down 1.02 yen from Friday's close of 157.47 yen. It opened at 155.80 yen and then rose, trading between 155.60 yen and 156.90 yen during the day.

Bolstered by the yen's recovery, the 225-share Nikkei stock average rose 1,119.15 points, or 3.82 per cent, to close at 30,397.93, its fourth largest single-day advance ever. The Nikkei last closed above 30,000 points on March 29, when it ended the day at 31,026.16. The advance extended a rebound begun last Friday, when the Nikkei index rose 1,029.72 points in its fifth-

largest single-day advance.

The US currency opened lower in Tokyo after wildly fluctuating between 155.50-159.50 in oceanian markets, mainly Sydney, that opened earlier than Tokyo, dealers said

Gatt nations begin talks

In-depth review

GENEVA, April 9, (UPI): World trading nations began an in-depth review today of problems besetting the Uruguay round trade liberalisation talks due to end in December but

lagging well behind schedule.

They started by exchanging charges in a negotiating group on goods on who is blocking progress and how they should improve access to their markets and cease unfair practices markets and cease untain practices like subsidising exports, participat-ing officials said.

The group deals with all forms of trade except for service industries

like banking, insurance and ship-

After that "clearing of the air," the officials said, the main supervisory Trade Negotiations Committee draw up a list of what must be done to push the talks forward. The review meeting would end

either Tuesday evening or Wednesday, they said.

Trade ministers of the biggest Western and Third World countries are to meet in Mexico April 19 and 20

and theoretically produce fresh instructions for the negotiators in Geneva so several deadlocks can be Aimed at cutting trade restrictions by an average 30 per cent, the talks were launched in Punta Del Este.

Tariffs and Trade (Gatt). Initial draft accords on the various issues from basic import tariffs to farm trade and services are supposed to be ready by end-July so a final package is ready for a ministerial

Uruguay, at the end of 1986 by members of the General Agreement on

conference in Brussels in December.

Gatt Director-General Arthur Dun-kel has warned for some time that high-level policy decisions are needed fast if it is not to fall far short There are major arguments bet-ween the advanced nations themselves and between the industrial and the developing countries. Some of

But the Uruguay round is as much as one year behind in some areas and

the biggest:

Washington demands the European Economic Community phase out farm export subsidies by a complicated formula to calculate their value in terms of import duties which could be reduced and eliminated. That is rejected as "unrealistic"

The United States and other industrial nations want Japan to be far more generous in offers made so far to open up Japanese markets for industrial as well as agricultural

products.

The EEC insists on steps to prevent Japanese "dumping" of goods either made in Japan or assembled in plants in Europe and ranging from cars to computers.

Large agricultural exporters gathered in the so-called Cairns group and including Australia, Argentina and Canada want better access everwhere for their products.

Third World producers of textiles and XXK advanced-nation import

quotas under the multi-fibre arrangement.

Developing countries producing tropical products demand preferential treatment for those goods.

Monetary authorities from sequences.

mitment to co-ordinate economic policies, including cooperation on exchange markets.

ing Japanese economic journal, reported on its front page this morning that central banks from G-7 would conduct co-ordinated dollar-selling interventions during today's tradings to support the yen.

The dollar, which traded at 143.40 yen at the end of last year, surged almost 20 yen during the last three months to 160 yen before falling back slightly.

tries are reluctant to help Japan prop up its currency because they see the yen's weakness as a domestic problem. Expectations of possible intervention to curb

Stock Exchange after three months of almost continual decline was directly linked to the yen's surge against the dollar, traders

The Nikkei average has

"The index's increase slowed down in the afternoon when An estimated 800 million

In bond dealings, the price of

G-7 meeting was the first in which the yen was specificaly mentioned in the communique.

Nikkei stock average: 37516.77 (-653.36)

Volume: 600 mil shs	
Yen exchange rate: 145.35	
Name of stock	Chr
Advantest Corp	497
Ajinomoto	212
Alps Electric	203
Amada	155
Asahi Chem Ind	88
Asahi Glass	184
C. Itoh Co	84
Canon Inc.	185
Casio Comp	
Dai Nippon Printing	211
Daiichi Seiyaku	253
Dainippon Ph	250
Daishinku Corp	
Eisai	185
Fanuc Ltd	73 7
Fuji Photo	417
Fujitsu Ltd	154
Hitachi Credit	143
Hitachi Koki	209
Hitachi Ltd	171
Hitachi Metal	132
Honda Motor	191
Tokyo Elec Power	
Tokyo Electron Ltd	A14
Toppan Printing.	101
Toray Ind Inc.	
Toshiba Corp	117
Toyota Motor	
Yaskawa Elec	
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Foray Ind Inc	80
Foshiba Corp	
Toyota Motor	
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policymakers of the major industrialised nations, known as the Group of Seven, in Paris this

Britain, Canada, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States agreed on Saturday that the yen's recent downswing in world currency markets could have "undesirable con-

They said the dollar fell

because of expectations of cen-

tral bank intervention to prop up

the faltering Japanese yen in the

wake of talks among economic

They also promised to keep the exchange markets "under review" and renewed their com-Nihon Keizai Shimbun, lead-

Many analysts believe, however, that some G-7 counthe dollar's rising value, they say, are temporarily helping the year. The rebound in prices on the

declined over 20 per cent, or 8,517.94 points, since the end of last year. Kozo Hasunuma, a trader

with Yamaichi Securities Co. attributed the index's surge today to a G-7 statement that stressed the importance of the yen's stability, which he said reassured stock investors.

some market players sold issues for profit-taking, but as a whole, their buying incentive was strong throughout the day," he said.

shares changed hands in one of the most active trading days in recent weeks.

the benchmark No. 119 Japanese government bond closed at 86.73 points, up from Friday's close of 86.38, as bond investors were reassured by the yen's strength against the dollar. The No. 199's yield fell to 7.205 per cent from 7.275 per cent on Friday. Meanwhile, Bank of Japan

governor Yasushi Mieno told a news conference today that the yen's weakness was due to speculation and that speculative pressure in the market would be met by co-ordinated G-7 action.

He emphasised that the Paris

Bonn to get a big boost through economic union with East

BONN, West Germany, April 9, (AP): Five leading financial institutes predict West Germany's already mighty economy will get a big boost from its planned economic union with East Germany, a newspaper reported. The reported prediction supports conten-

tions by West German leaders that no tax increases will be needed to finance the heavy costs of German unification. According to yesterday's editions of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, the five ins-

titutes have forecast economic growth of 4 per

cent this year for West Germany. That's far better than the institute's earlier forecasts of 3 per cent to 3.5 per cent.

But the institutes also say strong economic growth in West Germany over the next two years hinges on East Germany scrapping its planned economy in favour of a free-market

system, the newspaper said. West Germany's economic, legal and tax systems will have to be adopted by East Germany, the newspaper quoted the institutes as saying in a joint report.

West Germany has launched plans to create an economic union with East Germany on the road to German unification. Concern has been raised among some West Germans that the costs of unification could

prove to be a heavy economic burden, including tax increases. the institutes are predicting that the rebuild-

But according to the Frankfurt newspaper, ing of East Germany will actually provide additional growth impulses for West Germany's economy.

Satellite launch a breakthrough

of Opec's excess output.

"According to Opec calculations made available to MEES, the average spot price of the Opec basket fell to \$17.75 per barrel in

March, as against \$19.10 in February and

MEES said Opec's total output was 23.620 million bpd in February and 23,320 million bpd

in January, which put first quarter average output at 23.660 million bpd.

The biggest increase in March came from Iran where output reached 3.15 million bpd

compared to its 3.14 million Opec quota level,

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and

Kuwait, which claim their Opec quotas are small compared with their requirements,

produced an average of two million bpd (Opec

quota 1.095 million bpd) and 1.83 million

(Opec quota 1.5 million bpd) respectively in the

first quarter of 1990, accounting for two-thirds

\$19.99 in January," MEES said.

from 2.8 million in February.

FORMER prime minister of the UK Edward Heath and former prime minister of Egypt Abdel Aziz Higazi will speak on the possible consequences for the Middle East and Africa after Europe becomes a single market launches. in 1992. Euromea '92 conference will be held in Paris from May 15-

Organised by Mustapha Assad, charman of Publi-Graphics and vice-president of the International Advertising Association and Arca director for the Middle East and Africa. the conference will focus on the real implications for trade between the single European market and the Arab and African worlds post 1992.

Presentations at the con-ference will discuss the impact of European unification on the Middle East and African worlds in areas such as: commerce and trade, banking and investment, employment and the environment. comm mication and tourism, marketing and advertising.

The programme will include presentations by: Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, for-

mer chancellor of the exchequer; Clay Timon, world president of International Advertising Association (IAA) and director of World-wide Advertising Colgate-Palmolive; Ali Ghandour, special advisor to King Hussein of Jordan; Dr Loukas Tsoukalis.

China faces 'US challenge' XICHANG, China, April 9, (Reuter): China showed the world it had the technical know-

Stock brokers get tangled up with their trading signs at the Tokyo Stock Exchange yesterday as shares rose sharply on a stronger yen after a Group of Seven Nations (G-7) meeting on Saturday agreed to prop up the currency. Shares surged 1,119.15 points to close at 30,397.93. (Reuter wirephoto)

Oil prices lower

Opec output highest

how to compete in the international satellite launch market yesterday but politics rather than expertise could influence future Jubilant scienties at the

remote Xichang satellite launch centre amid the mountains of southwest Sichuan province are counting on many more launches after putting Asiasat I in space for an international consortium aboard a Chinese-built Long March III rocket. "This is a breakthrough for

China," said a smiling Li Yuben, the centre's director, who said his pre-launch nerves had been worsened by the presence of an invited foreign audience and a 90-minute delay caused by weather. But strained ties with the

United States after last year's crackdown in Beijing on the prodemocracy movement could jeopardise future launches involving US firms and technology, according to Western diplomats and space industry SOUTCES. "The US administration has

made several overtures to the Chinese since June 4 but there are some in congress who feel the Chinese response has not been appropriate and that threatens to affect the satellite launch programme, "said Don O'Neal a the satellite.

on the grounds of national interest in December, provided the manufacturer and owners ensured no transfer of satellite technology to the Chinese, no price dumping and full third

party insurance cover.

Bush justified the waiver on the grounds Asiasat I was intended for commercial civilian use. would be physically present in China for only a short period and would be controlled from Hong

Kong.
"These conditions are a smokescreen for politics," said a Washington-based lawyer involved in safeguarding the technology.

"The Chinese could not reverse-engineer that satellite in 100 years, even with all the information freely available from technical publications. It's the anti-China lobby who could prevent further launches."

The satellite is owned by Britain's Cable and Wireless, Hong Kong's Hutchison Whampoa and the state-owned China International Trust Telecommunications (Asiasat) consor-

China plans nine rocket launches in the next two years and holds launch orders for two Australian satellites (Aussat), one for Sweden, one for an Arab consortium (Arabsat) and one for Pakistan, a source from launch contractor China Great Wall Industry Corporation said.

China has no intention of obtaining technological proprietary information from foreign satellites and will adhere to the China-US security agreement," Tang Jinan said.

Chinese officials declined to name the launch price paid by Asiasat, but industry sources said it was in the region of \$25 million to \$30 million

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM. April 9, (Reuter): Yuri Melman before he left Leningrad for a

Soviet Jewish immigrants pouring in daily are eager, hard-working and educated. But with unemployment at a two-decade high, job-hunting is a daunting

In the struggle for survival, the only alternative may be to abandon one's credentials.

Soviet Jews are packing fruit in boxes for export in the town of Rehovot. Another 60 are working in a textile factory near the "In Kiryat Yam, Soviet doc-

Difficult

agency, a quasi state body which promotes immigration, one of the tea ladies was a doctor in Siberia two months ago.
"Soviet Jews know it's difficult

are 61 candidates. Twelve

Four university professors compete for each teaching job.
Meanwhile planeloads of

immigrants arrived in March, taking the total so far this year to

the Labour Ministry said. Sixty per cent have professional or

Soviet immigrants to arrive this year. Some 750,000 are expected in the next five years — the big-gest wave of immigration in 30

recently.

The need to build 30,000 homes for the immigrants fuelled heated debate when legislators voted on a new budget for the fiscal year starting April 1. Parliament added a last-minute \$100 million allocation for hous-

"It's a real problem ... the priority should be employment then housing," Menna said.
Rafi Melnik, head of the cen-

- The Soviet Jews usually spend

KUWAIT, April 9. (Reuter); Short dates on the Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposit market were well offered this morning, dealers said, and eased as a result.

Little activity was reported in fixed dates, as the market awaited the weekly treasury bill issue, although dealers said that three months to one year were slightly firmer.

international relations departspokesman for Hughes Aircraft, the US corporation which built ment, St Antony's College, Oxford University; Gianpiero Gamaleri, director of research at Fears the Chinese would steal the Rai (Italian TV); Ghassane the technology and US sanctions Tueni, former deputy prime minagainst China in the wake of the ister of Lebanon, former UN crackdown on dissent threatened ambassador for Lebanon; Dr to scuttle the launch of the com-Abdallah El Kuwaiz, assistant munications satellite. secretary general for economic affairs, GCC. But President George Bush exercised a presidential waiver

against US dollar

Gulf Bank weekly report

Kuwaiti dinar

BASED on last week's opening middle market foreign exchange rates, the KD exchange rate traded slightly higher against the US dollar ending the week at 293.97 fils compared with its week before last closing of 294.10 fils. The KD traded lower against the pound sterling, ending the week at 484.10 fils compared with its week before last closing of 480,12 fils. The KD was lower against the Deutsche mark ending the week at 172.84 fils compared with it week before last closing of 172.17 fils. The KD was also lower against the Swiss franc ending the week at 195.52 fils compared with its week before last closing of 194.90 fils. The KD was lower against the Canadian dollar ending the week at 251.46 fils compared with its week before last closing of 249.54 fils. The KD was lower against the Australian dollar ending the week at 225.03 fils compared with its week before last closing at 220.06 fils.

The KD was higher against the Jordanian dinar ending the week at 436.81 fils compared with its week before last closing of 437.00 fils. The KD traded slightly higher against all other GCC currencies compared to the week before last rates.

As for the KD money market rates, short term interbank offer rates, traded relatively higher compared to their previous rates.
One month and 3 months rates traded around 8.81 per cent - 8.93 per cent range compared to 8.81 per cent - 8.87 per cent range the week before last. Both six-month and 12-months rates traded also higher at 9.00 per cent - 9.06 per cent range compared to 8.93 per cent - 9.00 per cent range the week before last.

As for Treasury Bills, the Central Bank announced two new T-Bills, the first is three-month T-Bill issue No. (108) of KD 50 million, with effective and maturity dates of April 11, and June 11 1990, respectively. The second issue is six-months T-Bill issue No. (109), of KD 50 million with effective and maturity dates of April 11 and Oct 10, 1990

respectively. World stock markets

Wall Street stock prices fluctuated sharply last week, moving higher on futures-related buying. firm bond prices and relief over the US stock markets's resilience in the face of Tokyo's shakiness. However, prices eased later on uncertainty about the strength of the US economy and the direction of exchane rates. The Dow-Jones Industrial average opened the week at 2,700 and closed higher at 2,717, recording a gain of 10 points over the previous

week's closing of 2707. Share prices on the London

Caracas

opens to

US, British

mining cos

CARACAS, April 9, (UPI): The

Venezuelan mining minister said

on Friday his government has

submitted a proposal to congress

that would mean "open borders

to national and foreign invest-

Celestino Armas said at a news

conference that investment

proposals waiting for congres-

sional approval call for using

some five million acres (2 million

hectares) to mine for gold.

diamonds, coal, phosphates,

bauxite, magnesium, zinc.

nickel, copper, zirconium and

Among the British and US

companies waiting to do

preliminary prospecting are Greenwich Resources Inter-

national, British Petroleum

Corp., Monarch Resources Ltd.

Cominco Resources Inter-

national Ltd. Arimetco Inc. and

M and M International Business

The minister said the initial

projects call for investments on

the order of approximately \$130

million that would generate

Gasoline prices in Venezuela,

among the cheapest in the world,

would soon rise an average of 40

per cent under the government's

economic adjustment plan, news

Andres Sosa Pietri, president

of the State Enterprise Petroleos

de Venezuela, was quoted by

Caracas newspapers as saying

octanes would climb from a

current price of \$22 cents to \$31

A gallon of 91-octane gasoline

some 30,000 new jobs.

reports said yesterday.

prices would rise shortly.

cents, the reports said.

other minerals.

Energy and Mining Minister

Stock Exchange traded sharply lower in reaction to Monday's steep fall in Tokyo. Market sentiment was further depressed by Wall Street's downtrend later in the week. The FTSE-100 opened and closed the week at 2,221, recorded a loss of 25 points over the previous week's closing of

Stock prices on the Tokyo stock market fell sharply last week, with much selling inspired by a local newspaper article speculating that insurance companies planned a stock sell-off. However, managers of many large insurance firms later denied any plans to dump shares. Also talk that the stock slump is financially wounding some small Japanese brokerages undermined the market. However, the index rebounded on active institutional buying of domestic issues and futures related buy programmes. The 225-share Nikkei index opened the week at 28,518 and closed higher at 29,278 but recorded a loss of 702 points over the previous week's closing at 29,980.

US dollar

The dollar traded mixed over most part of the week and within a narrow band ahead of Saturday's G-7 meeting, while this week's release of US unemployment rate, had very little impact on the dollar, and money market dealers were reluctant to take any large dollar position before the outcome of the G-7

US unemployment rate fell to 5.2 per cent for the month of March, after holding at 5.3 per cent for 9 months, but the pace of new-job creation was the slowest in more than three and a half years. The March increase of 26.000 new jobs was the smallest gain since June 1986, when the number of jobs fell by 110,000. There is doubt that the release

of US unemployment figures would give the Federal Reserve the impetus to ease credit, while recent economic data have been somewhat inconsistent and did not point to a clear need for lowering rates again. There is also a belief that the US unemployment numbers are not really reflective of a deteriorating trend in the economy and the quarter still be overall a strong one and not lead to an easing.

The US purchasing managers' index rose in March to 48.8 per cent from 48.3 per cent in February. A reading below 50 per cent indicates the manufacturing sector of the US economy generally is declining, while a reading above 50 per cent suggests it is generally expanding. The production index rose to its highest level since April of 1989. New export orders jumped to 59.5 per cent in March from 53

per cent, the highest level since September 1989. While the imports index in March was

again at 50.5 per cent the same level as in February and January. US february leading indicators fell a per cent against 0.2 per cent rise in January. A decline in building permits fuelled the biggest drop in the leading indicators. Building permits slumped 0.82 per cent after 0.68 per cent jump the month before. If the building permit component were to be removed, the leading indicators would be slightly weaker, confirming the current perception of the US economy.

Pound sterling

The pound sterling opened the week against the US dollar at 1.6330/40 dollars and closed higher at 1.6420/30 dollars, but slightly lower compared to its week before last closing at 1.6445/55 dollars.

The pound fell sharply earlier last week following violent unrest in the heart of London over the previous week-end due to the introduction of the unpopular new form of local taxation known as poll tax. However, the pound recovered later as attention turned back to high yielding currencies.

The pound showed no reaction to news that retail sales rose 2.2 per cent in February after falling 0.9 per cent in January and that new consumer credit totalled £3.74 bn in the same month, down from £3.97 bn in January.

Despite the recovery, the pound is still highly vulnerable to any adverse news on the political front although it was already discounting a lot of bad econ-omic news. It so far has managed to absorb the negative impact of recent rioting in the UK and continued declines in the opinion polls by Prime Minister Thatcher's Conservative government

Japanese yen

The ven opened the week against the US dollar at 150.35! 45 yen and closed the week lower at 157.73 83 yen, but higher compared with its week before last closing of 158.50/00 yen.

The yen remained under pressure ahead of the G-7 meeting. while the ailing Tokyo shares

Bank of Japan has actively intervened in the currency market to prevent the yen from falling further, and it is estimated that BOJ spend a record 1.107 trillion yen in March to defend the yen, while this huge investment seemed to have only slowed the yen is slide, while the G-7 meeting outcome is expected to provide little support to the yen. and probably BOI may find itself forced again to raise its discount rate to defend the yen.

NEWS IN BRIEF

DHOW MONEY MARKET FUND

BID PRICES

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Closing price as of last date

investors in the Money Market Fund offered by the Gulf Bank must be

happy to see their investments in this fund's unit trusts are still showing a

positive upward performance since its launch 4 years ago.
The Money Market Fund which was launched in November 86 at an

offer price of US \$9.92 per unit recorded as at 4.4.1990 a US\$ 14.61 for the

bid price or an increase of over 47 per cent. This is truly a very positive performance taking into account the universal market fluctuations

Investing in the Dhow Money Market Fund becomes also more attrac-

tive when it offers protection from valatility in any single currency by

being diversified in a portfolio of major world currencies such as US

dollars, pound sterling, Deutsch marks, Swiss francs and Japanese yen.

Romania-Daimler talks: Romania plans a plant to build buses in co-operation with the West German firm Daimler-Benz, Prime Mini-

"Some forms of co-operation are planned, first of all some production

lines for products such as buses in Romania and later on for the foundation of some commercial companies," he told a news conference.

He had been asked about talks he had on Saturday with Werner

which characterized the international economy for the last 3 years.

Positive performance

ster Petre Roman said on Sunday.

Niefer, a Daimler-Benz board member.

KD slightly higher G-7 ready to aid Japanese yen

But the countries left it unclear

"There hasn't been a lot said about what they would do for the

outcome for Japan," said Brendan Brown, head of research at Mitsubishi Finance Inter-

group of seven nations -Britain, Canada, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States - wrapped up talks on Saturday at the French finance ministry by worrying about the "undestrable consequences" of a sliding yen.

They promised to keep the exchange markets "under review" and renewed their commitment to co-ordinate economic policies, including co-operation in the exchange mark-

cerns about the yen, suggesting that the currency wasn't neces-

sarily trading too cheaply. The dollar early last week jumped to a three-year high against the yen before falling back some. At Friday's New York close of about 10 per cent against the yen since the start of the year.

The yen's weakness has coincided with a plunge in Japanese stocks that has seen the Tokyo stock exchange lose about 25 per cent of its value this year.

A stronger dollar threatens efforts to whittle down the enormous \$49 billion trade deficit the United States runs with Japan. It makes Japanese products cheaper for Americans and boosts the price in US goods

In the past, the G-7 nations have banded together to intervene in the financial markets by buying and selling currencies, mostly to brake any sharp rise in the dollar. King said the minister's

statement was "possibly a slight hint we might be seeing steppedup intervention in the next few

"It would be strange," he said, "to draw attention to the problem and then do nothing."

Brown said financial markets "can't rule out that there will be heavy intervention" by the American and Japanese central banks in the coming days.

If not, he said, the yen would

likely fall further. "I suspect we'll have a few days of rather thin, cautious trading, said Christopher Potts, an economist at Banque

Indosuez in Paris. "But sooner or later we will see to what extent the central banks are prepared to back up words with actions," he said.

Potts noted that the Bank of Japan has spent billions of dollars in recent months trying to stabilize the yen, with little success. That, he said, "suggests that intervention alone ins't suf-

Nevertheless, the President of Japan's Central Bank, Yasushi Mieno, and Finance Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told reporters they were confident the other nations were prepared to keep the yen from tumbling further.

We didn't do this to let the yen fall," Hashimoto said. Brady refused to comment when asked if promises were made to the Japanese. "Birt," he added, "I don't want to indicate to you that means there were

promises made." A senior West German official also played down concerns about the yen in advance of the talks There's no reason to unnecessarily dramatize developments in Japan," the official said.

Monetary authorities also can try to adjust currency values by manipulating interest rates, but analysts don't expect any

Sabanci from rags-to-riches

Recalls past

ISTANBUL, April 9, (Reuter): An old wooden plough adorns the entrance to the Istanbul headquarters of Sakip Sabanci's business empire, a poignant reminder of his family's rags to

"My father began life from zero as a humble cotton worker. He was very careful with money and saved, saved, saved, said Sabanci, 56, an eccentric billionaire whose interests range from electronics, banking and textiles to hotels and bottled water. Widely regarded as the "people's tycoon" who enjoys mixing

with workers as much as with the high and mighty, he is one of Turkey's most popular public figures. "I relax when I am very successful in the economic or social area. If I am in one of my factories shaking hands with managers and workers, I am happy," he told Reuters in a recent interview.

He rarely carries more than a few thousand lira - just enough to pay for a taxi or bus ride - and dresses in a style that would make devotees of high fashion wince.
The Sabanci family numbers President Turgut Ozal among its

past employees and a former prime minister as top executive of its Its rise mirrors Turkey's struggle to enter the ranks of

developed countries. Sabanci's penniless father, Haci Omer Sabanci, is reputed to have walked 300 km (200 miles) through the barren Anatolian

heartland in the depressed 1920s to seek a cotton worker's job.

He later became a shareholder in a cotton ginning plant in the Mediterranean city of Adama. Now, Sakip Sabanci and his four brothers, who maintain close

control of Haci Omer Sabanci Holding As, are looking abroad to fresh markets in Europe and Asia. "My father believed that family members should understand

each other," said Sabanci, who entered the Forbes magazine list of world billionaires in 1989.

'Today's success of the Sabanci group is due not to the capital, the technology or the equipment. The reason is that members of

the family are continuing the same way," he said.

Sabanci said the family would always retain at least a 75 per cent shareholding. It was 100 per cent until 1972, when the group started to sell small stakes to others. The name "Haci Omer" litters Sabanci's conversation as he

sits beneath a painting of his late father, dwarfing smaller signed ones of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and former US presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.

Power

"He was number one. When I was aged 13 or 14 he took me to the factories and gave me the power to handle company money and sign and fill blank cheques," he said.

Sabanci, head of the governing body of the influential association of Turkish businessmen and industrialists, is always ready to speak out on domestic politics and the economy.

"I would vote for any (political) leader who could ensure stable

leadership," he said, referring to squabbling in the centre-right government triggered mainly by disputes over economic policy and inflation, now at an annual 62.8 per cent. With annual turnover estimated at 10.02 trillion lire (\$4

billion) in 1989, Haci Omer Sabanci holding is among the first 200 in Fortune magazine's list of the largest 500 industrial companies outside the United States. Sabanci's main business thrust over the past decade has been

tie-ups and joint ventures with foreign firms, including European banks and electronic companies, US and Japanese cord and tyre companies and large insurance outfits. Sabanci and Japan's Toyota Motor Co have agreed in principle to form a joint venture to produce Toyota cars in a factory in

Adapazari, western Turkey, from 1993.

"Our basic future is with Western Europe but I believe. I hope, 50 per cent of the firm will be involved with Japan," he said. We must have relations with the Japanese. We need them.

They (the Japanese) are doing very well with technology and have discipline and hard workers," he added. In the next 10 years Sabanci plans to streamline the company. now comprising about 50 multi-faceted arms, into 10 individual integrated groups each capable of reaching \$500 million in

turnover annually. Sabanci, an keen admirer of traditional Turkish arts, gives much of his wealth to promoting culture, education and welfare,

and building student dormitories, libraries and theatres. Courage has been a hallmark of the Sabanci family.

"Training, learning, knowledge and experience give one courage," Sabanci said in his book "This Is My Life."

The courageous person is the one who has confidence in himself. The courageous person is not the one who faces the risks but the one who is capable of eliminating them entirely."

Israel stock market surges

TEL AVIV, April 9, (Reuter): Volume and prices surged on the Tel Aviv stock exchange yesterday in anticipation of a new Israeli government under Labour Party leader Shimon Peres.

The market's main index rose 4.1 per cent, breaking the psy-chological barrier of 200 points to end at 200.08. Turnover jumped to 30 million shekels (\$15) million), compared with an average of 18 million shekels last

Peres is expected to form a government on Wednesday, end-

ing a month of political uncer-tainty following the defeat in a parliamentary confidence vote of Prime Minister Yitzhak Brokers said the market also velcomed the possibility of Yitz-

hak Modai deserting Shamir and joining Peres. Peres was reported to have offered the finance portfolio to Modai. Modai was finance minister

and Peres was prime minister in the 1985 government that turned around the economy and slashed inflation from 445 per cent in 1984 to 19.5 per cent in 1986.

Industrial powers worried of a sliding Tokyo currency

PARIS, April 9 (AP): The seven leading industrial powers have put the financial markets on notice that they intend to come to the aid of the Japanese yen if it gets into much trouble, analysts

just how much help they would give to the ailing Japanese currency if its value slides fur-

yen," said Stephen King, international economist at the London Investment House of James Capel and Co. "It all sounds less than the best

national in London.
Financial chiefs from the

But the officials didn't spell out what steps they might take to prop up the sagging yen. US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady even played down con-

157.70 yen, the dollar has risen

Iran's billion-dollar loan

France ready to pay

NICOSIA, Cyprus, April 19, (AP): An Iranian official said yesterday France had agreed to make payment on a loan straining Tebran-Paris relations for more than a decade. Deputy Foreign Minister Mahmoud Vaezi said that in his talks with a visiting French delegation last week, it was agreed that Paris would make further payment on a billion-dollar loan made by Iran to France before the 1979

Speaking on Tehran Radio, monitored in Nicosia, Vaezi said he could not disclose the amount Paris had The announcement followed talks in Tehran last week with the visiting secretary-general of the French Foreign Ministry, Francois Scheer.

A settlement has been predicted each time the two officials have met. They met in Tehran last January, and in Paris a month before that. The radio said the dispute centred around Paris' failure

Vaezi said he hoped the dispute would be settled in talks scheduled to be held in Paris next month.

to repay \$370 million of the billion dollar loan. It added that another \$52 million loan, plus accrued interest and damages for broken contracts, also had to be paid by

The Iranian loan in 1974 was to secure a 10 per cent stake in the French-based uranium enrichment consortium,

Pepsi to be traded for Soviet vodka

NEW YORK, April 9, (Reuter): Pepsico Inc. and the Soviet Union expect to sign a three-billiondollar agreement to barter Pepsicola for ships and vodks, the New York Times reported today. The accord, expected to be sig-

ned today, would be the biggest deal ever between a US corporation and the Soviet Union. The deal would greatly expand Pepsi-cola's availability in the Soviet Union, the newspaper

reported. It also would allow Pepsico for the first time to take its profits out not only in Stolichnaya vodka but in freighters and tankers as well.

Company officials could not immediately be reached for comment on the report.

The Pepsico deal is being closely watched as an indicator of whether Western companies can prosper in the Soviet market, now opening under the reform policies of President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Since 1974, Pepsico has ship-ped its soft-drink syrub to the Soviet Union, made it into cola and sold the bottled product. It has taken out its profits in Stolichnaya, which is sold in the United States through a third party.

Under the new arrangement, the Soviet Union would trade at least 10 tankers and freighters, ranging in size from 28,600 tonnes to 65,000 tonnes, with a total value of more than \$300 million, the Times reported.

The new deal also would let Pepsico increase its Soviet bottling network from 26 to 50 plants. It would eventually make possible the nation-wide distribution of soft drinks in aluminium cans and plastic bottles, instead of the combersome glass bottles now used.

chase, New York, had sales last year of more than \$15 billion, making it one of the biggest consumer-product companies in the world. It was one of the first companies to enter the Soviet market.

The three-billion-dollar value of the contract represents retail sales of Pepsi-cola and Stolich-naya vodka until the year 2000, the newspaper said. That figure assumes a devaluation of the rou-

world currency markets.
Using Moscow's official exchange rate for the rouble, the deal's value is closer to nine billion dollars — \$1.5 billion for vodka and \$7.5 billion for Pepsi-cola in the Soviet Union.

ble, which is not freely traded on

Pepsico, which is based in Pur-PARIS. April 9, (Reuter): Officals from East and West hope to clear away most of the obstacles blocking the creation of an international bank to help East European countries

in backstage negotiations on the vexed question of Soviet participa-tion in the bank and US objections to denominating the bank's operations in European currency units, the European Economic Community (EEC) currency.

But French officials, whose original timetable for completing talks on the Bank by February

meeting. I think there'll have to be at least one more," a senior official

settled are the location of the bank and who will run it.
The EEC countries, which will

the bank, including the mix of lend-ing to the private and public sectors, was clinched in in talks last month since then.

the Dutch Finance Ministry, said the Soviet Union would voluntarily limit its borrowing from the bank for three to five years to calm US fears that Moscow would siphon too much lending away from smaller countries.

HIROSHIMA, Japan, April 9, (UPI): Mazda Motor Corp., Japanese affiliate of Ford Motor Co It said a survey mission comprising officials from its research and development and purchasing divof the United States, said today it will boost imports isions is currently visiting the United States to from overseas suppliers, particularly in North America, and promote joint development with develop import opportunities. The delegation will visit some 20 suppliers in foreign parts makers. North America to explain the company's research The Hiroshima-based automaker said the and development process, development schedule decision is in line with its import expansion programme adopted last October. and procurement practices.

Mazda to increase overseas imports

The company said it plans to expand and strengthen joint development for new models with overseas engineering companies.

Gathering of giants

C-5 Galaxy military transports, the free world's largest airplanes, have surpassed one million flight hours of operation. The ones above are assigned to the 436th Military Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base (AFB), Delaware, and are part of

the US Air Force Military Airlift Command's fleet of 127 C-5 Galaxys. Also based at Travis AFB, California, Altus Reserve Wings in Massachusetts, New York and Texas, C-5s have flown crucial airlift missions in both military and humanitarian operations. Vietnam, Granada and most resently Panama, are among the missions the Galaxy fleet has flown in its first million hours of flight.

Progress made on E. European bank

Soviet participation discussed

reform creaking economies along market lines.

The officials have made progress

proved to be hopelessly unrealistic, have been careful not to predict final success when the officials meet again. on Monday. "I'm not sure it can be the last

involved in the preparations said. The most sensitive issues still to be

hold 50 per cent of the bank's \$12billion capital, say it must be sited in a community country with London the leading contender. The United States has backed Prague with Paris and Berlin mentioned as compromises.

has been very well received," one official said. A final choice might not be made until the EEC summit in Dublin on April 28 allowing finance ministers to ratify the bank's statutes at a meeting in Paris in Late May. The agency could then be up and running in early

Agreement on the main aspects of

Jacques Attali, French, President Francois Mitterrand's chief econ-

omic adviser who chairs the

preparatory talks, and former Dutch Finance Minister Onno Ruding.

Ruding has the support of Britain, among others, but French officials,

perhaps not surprisingly, are convinced that Attali, who first had the idea

It's thanks to French diplomacy

that the bank is getting off the ground, and we think his candidacy

for the bank, has the edge.

and further progress has been made Cees Maas, treasurer-general at

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The company said its purchases from overseas

suppliers in fiscal 1989, which ended March 31,

soared 42.0 per cent over the preceding year to about

EVENTS

Odissi dance: highlight of India Festival



PREPARATIONS for the India Festival are going on in full swing and the inaugural function has been fixed on April 25, 1990 at 8 pm at Indian Arts Circle, Funaitees. The organisers have succeeded in getting the famous Odissi dancer, Ranjana Gauhar to perform on the inaugural day. She will be presenting another Odissi dance on April 29 at the Indian Arts Circle. It will be a privilege for the people in Kuwait to witness the Odissi dance at its most brilliant form. The beauty and the harmonious movement of this dance form has made it popular not only in India but all over the world. Odissi has a prominent place in the various dance forms which have originated from the ancient

Having completely surrendered her mind, body and soul, to dance, Ranjana Gauhar's commitment to Odissi is a deep devotion. Enchanted audiences have raved that watching her dance transcends them from the material world of reality into a sublime spiritual odyssey. When she dances, the splendour of the style and the beauty of the dancer blend so harmoniously as if, Ranjana and Odissi were made for each other.

Inspired, encouraged and blessed by eminent gurus of Odissi, Raniana has danced extensively in India, Europe, England and America. Performances at the Festival of India, Queen Elizabeth Royal Festival Hall, Commonwealth Institute, Dehlem Museum, Berlin, West Germany, and several appearances on Indian, British, American and German television are a few of her highly successful accomplishments.

Commitment to her art is translated into a commitment to society. Through Utsav Society which she initiated and established three years ago, Ranjana teaches the art of Odissi to talented students whatever their socio-economic background. She even choreographed, taught and staged ballets by physically handicapped children.

It is given to only a few in their life time to transferm the lives of others. Ranjana Gauhar achieves this, both as a dancer and a

The inaugural function on April 25 will be followed for the next 3 days by cultural shows and exhibitions. On 26th, 27th and 28th April, cultural shows from various states of India will be presented between 10 am and 11.30 am at the Indian Arts Circle Auditorium. Artists belonging to various States in India, who are residing in Kuwait, are showing tremendous enthusiasm in preparing for the cultural shows to be performed on these 3 days.

From 26th to 28th, during the Eid holidays, there will be an exhibition of Indian products at the stalls at the Indian Arts Circle premises. All the stalls for the exhibition have been already taken up by the exhibitors and a large variety of Indian clothes, handicrafts and other products will be available at these stalls. Apart from this, there will be a large number of food stalls where various types of Indian delicacies will be made available. The organisers of the festival have not spared any efforts to create a real Indian 'Mela' atmosphere during the Eid holidays.

One of the major attractions of the festival is the lucky draw of the master coupon for which the First Prize will be a Toyota Cressida car. Apart from this, there are other 19 valuable prizes for the lucky draw. Master coupon will also ensure two concessional entries to the Indian Arts Circle premises during the festival period and free entry for the gala concluding ceremony scheduled for 4pm on May 4, 1990.



Cathay Pacific – 1990 Regional Conference

Cathay Pacific recently held its 1990 Regional Conference for Middle East and India, with 75 delegates from the Gulf, Levant, India, Pakistan and Hong Kong. '1989 has been a successful year both system-wide and in the region,' stated Robert Atkinson, newly

appointed general manager Middle East and India who chaired the conferece. Besides a quick reflection on 1989, the conference agreed on priorities for 1990 on a wide range of topics

ranging from marketing, staff, customer service and accounts. Attending the conference from the airline's head office in Hong Kong was Rowland Cobbold, marketing director and speakers from this region included Rajeev Budhiraja, pricing and marketing services manager Middle East and Peter Langstow, manager India, Nepal and Rangladesh.

During the funch session the chief guest speaker, Tariq Almoayed, minister of information of Bahrain outlined the role of Bahrain in developing tourism in the future. He thanked Catnay Pacific for their commitment to Bahrain with daily flights to Hong Kong and London. The minister was accompanied by Jamil Wafa, chairman and chief executive of Unitag Group, Cathay Pacific GSA in Bahrain.

Pictured in the centre is Tariq Almoayed, minister of information, State of Bahrain. On his right is Rowland Cobbold, marketing director, Cathay Pacific, Hong Kong and Jamil Wafa, chairman and chief executive Unitag Group, Bahrain. On his right is Robert Atkinson, general manager Middle East and India, Cathay Pacific, Bahrain and Rajeev Budhiraja, pricing and marketing services manager Middle East, Cathay

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 All entries for the What's On Column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursdays, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be

TELEVISION PROGRAMME

KTV2

8.00 Opening announce-ment and Holy Quran

8.10 Short Story Special. A cartoon series for chil-

8.30 Night of the Red Hun-

Holy Ramadan

9.45 You and the Law. A

10.00 Faith and Science. Food all over the World. Kinds of food,

10.30 Horizon. Why build-

Welcome Ramadan. A

religious programme

on the occasion of

weekly local infor-

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Certain buildings

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hold an interview with.

a mysterious young

businessman but the

producer insists on

bringing along a very beautiful girl name

Kurti who plays the

main role in the

old student falls dead

while training. His

mother appoints Elliot

to file a case against

the school. In the

meantime the coach

seeks Tony's help.

Elliot plans to find out

whether drugs are used

in training or not.

1.30 News in Brief

Sicillan

Al Jahra

Shahi Khandan

Naadu Vazhikal

Ahmadi Drive-In

Salaibikhat

Jleeb

Geraftar

Arabic film

Iron Angels 2

1.45 Magazine D'Actualite

interview. 12.30 Wolf. "Running on Empty". A 17-year-

conditioning modern buildings.

11.45 Murphy Brown Devil

headache.

9.00 News in English

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- 1.00 The opening and Holy
- Quran 1.15 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)
 1.30 World Animals: Cultural serial

KTV₁

- 2.00 Kabool Adventures: Cartoon serial . 2.30 Maa Al Sabercen: His-
- torical serial (part 15) 3.10 Human Health: cultural programme (part
- 3.35 Qabadhay Bahlool: Arabic serial (part 15)
 4.15 Rasael Al Ekha: Local-programme (p-
- art 15); prepared and presented by Dr Najeeb Al Refai 4.30 Rafat Al Hajan: Arabic serial (part 15)

5.30 Hadeeth

- Religious programme presented by Sheikh Mohammed Metwalli Al Sharawi 6.15 Baad Al Eftar:
- Religious programme 6.30 Mazenger Journey: Cartoon serial (part
- 7.00 Madeenat Al Ajayeb: Local children serial (part 15)
- 7.45 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements
- 8.15 A religious symposium 9.00 Juhayna: Cultural
- programme (part 15) 9.45 Sawalef Min Al Madhi: Local
- programme 10.00 News in Arabic
- 10.45 The Family: Local serial (part 15) 11.45 3x3: Variety show (part 15)
- 12.30 Share Al Mawardi: Arabic serial (part 15) 1.15 Adam Bedoon Gheta: Arabic feature film.
- starring Nelly and Mohammed Subhi 3.00 News summary 3.05 The World Today via
- Satellite 3.20 Holy Quran and

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CINEMA TODAY

Al Andulus Al Sekniyah Good Morning Vietnam Al Hamra

Drive-In Raiders of Paradise Al Firdous Aakhri Ghulam Fahabeel Open Nighahen

Ahmadi Kart Racing:

has a chance to win a trophy. Racing starts at 1.30 pm and entrance is only 500 fils.

The new season starts in mid-September and we have lots of plans for improvements including the introduction of new classes of racing not seen in the Middle East before - watch the Arab Times for details this

Yoga lessons

For fitness and slimming Kuwait International Hotel offers yoga lessons for ladies and men, every Sunday and Tuesday from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm and on Friday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. For more information contact Kuwait International's Recreation Department at 2530000 ext 8050 or Tanya at 5626529.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Sultan Gallery

Furniture of Kuwait, pre-oil 1940s furniture, is currently on show at the Sultan Gallery; daily from 10 am to 12 noon and 8 to 10 pm.

From April 16, 1990, "The Mosques of Isfahan" exhibigallery; it will be open daily from 10 am to 12 noon and 8 to [0 pm.

Bits 'n' Pieces An interesting 8 week course in patchwork and quilting tech-

niques. For details contact Tel. Kaleidoscope

A colourful spectrum of British and American 20th century

music — including: Britten Gershwin, Elgar, Copeland and Sandhein. Frances Coad voice: Trevor Platt - piano. On April 18th at the British embassy. For more information Tele. 5318060 ext 19,8 am -

Hobby Centre

8 pm - 10.30 pm.

An exhibition of students work in jewellery, watercolour painting & pottery in the studio at the Tareq Rajab Museum Wednesday, April 11th from

Thursday, April 12th from 9.30 am - 12 noon; 8 pm - 10.30 Friday, April 13th from 8 pm

10.30 pm.

SOCIAL

Cine Club Tuesday, 10/4: "Tchikovsky." Dir. by Eckor Talatnkein, screening to be held at the

Chamber of Commerce Auditorium. Sunday, 15/4: "The Last Emperor." Screening to be held at the Kuwait Towers. Tuesday, 17/4: "Sunshine,"

Dir. by Stanley Kubrick. Screening to be held at the Kuwait Towers. Wednesday, 18/4: "Czech Cartoon Muttet and Cley Show." Screening to be held at the Chamber of Commerce

auditorium. Sunday, 22/4: "Indiana Jones and the Last Adventure." Dir. by Steven Spielberg, screening to be held at the

Kuwait Towers. Tuesday, 24/4: "Once Upon A Time In America." Dir. by Sergeo Leiony. Screening to be held at the Kuwait Towers.

Note: Screening at 9.30 pm. British Counci.

The British Council working hours during the Holy month of Ramadhan: General office - Saturday to Wednesday — 7.30 to 14.00; Library — Saturday to Wednesday - 9.00 to 12.30, 16.00 to 19.00; Thurs-

day: 9.00 to 1.20.

The Committee for Celebra-

tions of 400-year Anniversary of Hyderabad (DECCEN), invites essays in either Urdu, Telugu or English languages in not less than 1000 words on one of the following topics: 1. Quli Qutub Shah - the Architect of Hyderabad; 2. Contribution of Nawab Mir Osman Ali Khan owards modern Hyderabad: 3 Hyderabad City as I saw her

(for school students only). The competition is open to all present and former Hyderabadis and their children

residing in Kuwait. A panel of judges will judge the first, second and third prize winning entries, and the prizes and citations will be distributed before the audience at 400-year anniversary celebrations to be

held sometime in May 1990. All entries must be neatly written or typed on A4 size paper in double space, and reach the committee on or before April 30, 1990 and addressed to the Convenor Literary Committee, PO Box 23343, Safat, 13094, Kuwait.

No entry fee is charged. PAC's Silver Jubilee

THE organising committee of the Pakistan Arts Circle will celebrate PAC's Silver Jubilee on Thursday, the 27th April, 1990 at 9 pm. The programme will include variety of programme and "Sham-e-Ghazal." Our earlier artist will present his wonderful performance, and is being invited from Pakistan.

Reservations are open to all families. All are kindly requested to book their seats well before 15th April, 1990. For more information contact

Summer Affair '90 THE Weekend Club will

host their traditional "Summer Affair" on the first day of Eid Al Fitr (April 26) at the Regency Palace Hotel. Watch or participate in the selection and crowning of the 1990 Summer Queen, join in a Jive Contest, watch a scintillating display of "Lambada" or simply let your feet loose to the music of Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers. Gala buffet, loads of prizes and most important have a good time. For reservations call 4315425 (Julio), 5741380 or

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Saligaocars CALLING all Saligaocars... to respond to the call for a social gathering on May 25 at Ramada Al Salam, at 11.30 am. For details contact the following: Justin Fernandes on Tel. No. 2406936 (Res), Aloo Carvalho, 2411442 Res. 246121, Americo Remedios, Res. 3983348 and Paul D'Cruz: Res. 2444729. Tony Cordeiro off, 2415401, Res. 2412337.

Indian Cuisine Centre Indian art of fancied lac bangles and designful henna work comes live at the finest Indian cuisine centre of Kuwait at the

Maharaja Palace Restaurant. Come savour the delicacies whilst giving your lady a gift to cherish. For more information contact 2406150.

Passion Week THE English language congregation of National Evangelical Church will hold the following worship services.

12th April - Maundy Thursday — Communion worship service from 7.00 pm to 8.30 13th April - Good Friday

Service from 11.45 am to 3.00 15th April — Easter Sunrise Service from 4.30 am to 6.00

Easter Communion worship service from 6.00 pm to 7.30

During which choir will present "Easter Cantata." All are welcome. **British Council**

COAST to Coast. Saturday. 14 and Sunday, 15 April 6.00 pm. A genuinely funny comedy, this is one of the most talked about and fondly remembered British films of 1987, achieving the highest rating ever for a BBC feature. Lenny Henry, arguably Britain's finest comedian, in his first film role as Ritchie Lee, is perfect. There is the added bonus of 18 classic Tamla Motown hits skillfully deployed by

director Sandy Johnson. DENNIS, Wednesday, 18 April 5.30 pm; Thursday, 19 April 10.30 am.

The only problem with Dennis is that everything he does always ends in disaster for his long-suffering parents and neighbours. No wonder everyone calls him the Menace! Nine episodes that will have children hollering with laugh-

Kuwait Little Theatre Kuwait Little Theatre are

presenting a St. George's Day Revue on Thursday 19 April in the Unity Centre, Ahmadi, beginning at 7.30 pm (Please note the change of date to that previously advertised). Acts include Phil Thomas. June Woolston, The Kuwait Folk Group, and the Kuwait Singers. Tickets and tables can be booked by telephoning

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Kuwait Players The Kuwait Players will be performing "On Pink Paper In Black and White" on Wednesday and Thursday April 18 and 19 respectively. The play comprises of 3 one act plays and starts at 8.00 pm at the Universal American School. For tickets and more information contact 5629875 or 5640981.

Holy Week 1990 Holy Family Cathedral -

Kuwait Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of the Holy Week: 9th, 10th, 11th April — 7.15 am, Holy Mass (English), 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm. Confession; 6.30 pm, Holy Mass (English); 7.00. Holy Mass & Retreat

(Malayalam — in big hall). Maundy Thursday: 12th April — 7.00 am, Con-celebrated Mass of Chrism (English); 4.00 pm, Holy Mass (Konkani); 5.30 pm, Solemn Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper (English); 9.00 pm, Adoration (English — in the big hall).

Good Friday: 13th April (Day of fast and abstinence) ---7.00 am. Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Malayalam); 9.00 am, Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English); 2.30 pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Konkani); 4.00 pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English); 5.30 pm, Celebration of the Lord's Pas-

sion (English). Holy Saturday: 14th April-4.00 pm to 6.00 pm Confessions; 8.00 pm, Easter Vigil

Mass (English). Easter Sunday: 15th April -7.00 am. Holy Mass (English); 9.00 am. Holy Mass (English); 10.00 am, Holy Mass (English); 11.00 am, Holy Mass (English); 11.30 am, Holy Mass (French in big hall): 12.00 noon Holy Mass (English); 4.00 pm, Holy Mass (Konkani); 5.00 pm. Holy Mass (English); 6.00 pm, Holy Mass (English); 7.00 pm, Holy Mass (Malayalam in big hall).

Ramadan bazaar THE Khalifa School will hold their monthly bazar, Ramadan special, to coincide with the qirqia'an evening. Ramadan food hampers, dried herbs, Kashmiri shawls and carpets, used clothings, books and many more items will be on offer. It will be held between 8.30 pm to midnight. The school is located on Taa'won St, Al Bida, next to Regency Palace Hotel. All are

Kuwait School of Contemporary Dance presents The Dancer is the dance & dance is life"

On Monday, April 30 at 8 pm, Tuesday, May 1 at 8 pm, Wed-nesday, May 2 at 8 pm, Thursday, May 3 at 3 pm (matinee), Thursday, May 3 at 8 pm. Tickets will be on sale from

Saturday, April 14th from 4 pm

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per family, the rest half price. SUHOUR: Eat as much as you

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CAFE: All kinds of freshly

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watering pastries. BABYLON GARDENS: Order for 2 and

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or Dama D'Cruz, 3623621.

APPROB Eld dinner venue changed THE venue of the Gala Eid Milan party of the Association of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen has now been changed to the Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom-A to accommodate more guests, an APPROB press

The Gala Party will be held on Friday 27th April. It will include dinner, music, songs, comedy and a colourful display of Pakistani national costumes. There will be special enter-

tainment and games for children under the age of 10. A lucky draw with attractive prizes and American auction will also be held for the benefit of needy students of Pakistani schools in Kuwait.

For further details and reservations please contact: 5317390, 5386201, 5316273, 2425315, 5631815, 5613934, 2522647.

HOTELS

Kuwait International Hotel LA PALMA: Opens at 6.00 pm for an elaborate Iftar buffet with traditional specialities of your choice. Desserts prepared by our Arabic pastry chef. One guest complimentary for each group of 6 persons. Ext 8166. LA PATISSERIE: Opens

and stays open for Subour until 2.00 am. Live entertainment in the lobby sets the mood for the evening. Ext 8014.
OUTSIDE CATERING: Whether it is for you and your family or for friends and associates our outside catering

for take-away treats at 5.00 pm

facilities can cater to all your needs. Offers traditional Istar buffet suggestions. Banquets will be pleased to assist: 2530000 ext 8008/8000.

HUNT ROOM: Opens for

Iftar with a buffet of exquisite delicacies. RICARDO: Will be opened for dinner with live entertainment by the new duo -Franco + Regina COFFEE SHOP: Will serve an Iftar buffet and regular dinner with special menu items such as grilled items, mazza, etc. Enjoy Suhour from 12 pm to 3 am. LOBBY: Lady planist Malgorzata Wejsis plays in the lobby diwaniya after Iftar until the end of Ramadan.

associated fresh fruit juices. LA PERCOLA: The beach side open air restaurant offers light meals and snacks from

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SPORTS Yoga lessons
FOR FITNESS and slimming. Kuwait International Hotel offers Yoga lessons for ladies and men, every Sunday and Tuesday at 8.00 to 9.00 pm and on Friday from 10.30 to 11.30 am. For more information contact Antonie Kingma on 2533000 or Tanya on

Messilah Beach Hotel Club WINDSURFING: 6 levels of windsurfing lessons for beginners and intermediates. Each level lasts about 3 hours. The instructor is the present British windsurfing champion. Private lessons on request.
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Each participant will be given a syllabus of training for their particular course. For further information please telephone 5624111 ext. 739.

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Kuwait International Hotel FIT FOR LIFE: Qualified Austrian masseur specialising in foot relexology, accupres-sure, athletic and relaxation massage available everyday. Tennis clinics ongoing for all levels or play including junior. ladies' and adult sessions with Frank Novak, an experienced Canadian coach and tennis

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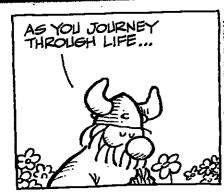
This week sees the final race meeting of the season with the Friday the 13th handicap race.' All drivers are given a handicap according to their performance during the season, which means that everybody

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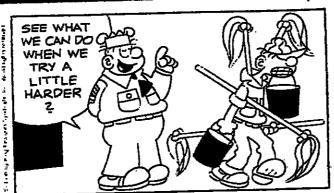


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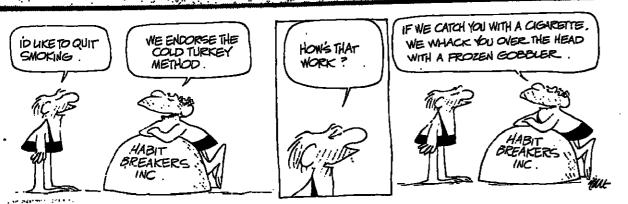
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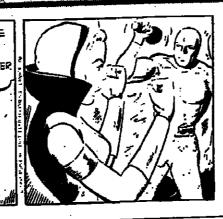
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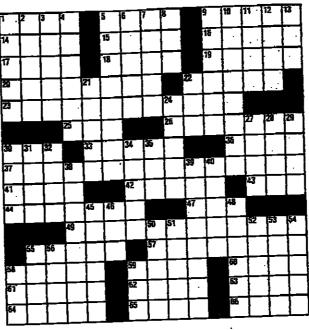
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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF TOO MANY HIGH CARDS!

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"I never hold any cards," is the standard lament of bridge players the world over. Here's a case where South could legitimately complain of too good a hand.

Even dyed-in-the-wool fourcard majorites would raise to two spades with the North hand. With three excellent trumps and a ruffing value, the more encouraging raise should clearly be preferred over a dampening one no trump. South's leap to game was automatic.

West led the eight of diamonds and East's jack was captured by de-

East-West vulnerable. South clarer's ace. After drawing two rounds of trumps, ending in dum-my, declarer tried the club finesse, West's king won and two diamond tricks were banked by the defense. East shifted to the jack of hearts and declarer's only remaining decision was to choose which defender

won the setting trick in hearts. South's problem was his hand had one too many court cards! Change the queen of clubs to an insignificant spot and declarer would surely have found the winning line.

After taking the first trick with the ace of diamonds, declarer should test trumps by cashing the ace from hand. Should either defender show out there is no recourse other than the club finesse. But when both defenders follow, declarer can claim the contract as long as clubs are no worse than 4-2.

Next, South cashes the ace of clubs and continues with the queen to West's king. Let's presume the defenders then take their two diamond tricks and, as before, East shifts to the jack of hearts. Declarer wins in dummy, ruffs a club high, returns to the table with a trump and ruffs another club to set up a long club in dummy. Declarer can get back to the board with a trump to discard his losing heart on the established club and claim his contract.



YOUR STARS



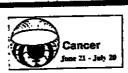
Do not try to tell others what to do, but do not allow yourself to be domineered either. You should not permit your enthusiasm to carry you away. Nor however, should you become indifferent. Be reliable.



You should act your age not behave as though you were a lot younger. However nor should you consider that you are too old unless you really are. Try to see the funny side of things. Be polite.



You will have to get a move on but that does not mean doing things by halves. Make sure you allow yourself enough time to enjoy life too. And do get all the rest you need. Be matter of fact.



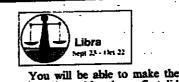
Do not allow thoughts of what still has to be done put you off doing what you are doing now: one thing at a time. Avoid being greedy nor should you be too acquisitive. And do show a little more respect for your elders. Be tolerant.



Something that you do not like doing should not be postponed any longer. Your lucky numbers are 5 and 27. If you are a little kinder to others you will be well rewarded. Do not allow thoughts of work to invade your privacy. Be receptive.



Make sure you do not do any-thing that would definitely harm your health. Try to ensure that your clothes suit the occasion. You will be reminded of a promise you have made and you should not break it. Be tactful.



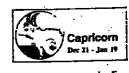
most of something that at first did not look very promising. There is fortunately still time to make up for something you had forgotten to do, but you must now hurry. Do not strain yourself nor be too lax. Be moderate.



If you work more intensively you will have more time for your leisure pursuits too. If you expect others to do things for you you will be disap-pointed. And if you expect to win a fortune you will also be disappointed. Be sensible.

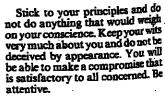


You should concentrate on ssentials and you should not get bogged down in details. However nor should you deal only with superficialities. An old friend will be pleased to hear from you. Be



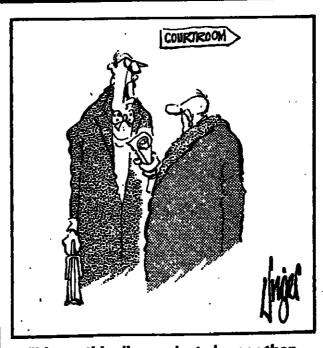
You are more inclined to spi things and should try to be even more careful. Remember that safety limits are there for your sake too, do not exceed them. Ensure that your diet contains enough vitamins. Be consistent.







This is a good period for you only you must overcome a certain reluctance to do certain more unpleasant things that have to be done. Do not attempt to use force where charm and persuasion has failed. Avoid taking too much for granted. Be sincere.



"I hope this divorce lasts longer than your last one."



"It woke me up two hours late with a cold cup of coffee."



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Saving historic treasures

By Laura Van Tuyi

BOSTON, (CSM): Taking care of historic works of art seems a thankless job - done in the cluttered, isolated back room of

But thanks to a small army of "conservators" - dressed in white coats and equipped with brushes, needles, and probes some of the world's most treasured objects have been saved from complete ruin and decay under the weight of time.

At the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum here. Marjorie Bullock hunches over a 15thcentury tapestry and gently pushes a threaded needle up through the bottom. Stitch by stitch, she fills the time-worn, frayed areas with new cotton threads of muled gold. brown, and blue.

Incredibly, Miss Bullock has been working painstakingly for 11 years to restore this 16-by-13-ft. Flemish masterpiece. Sometime this year, she will finish the tapestry, and "Amazons Preparing for a Joust" will again grace the walls of the Gardner Museum.

If it were up to her, however, the restored tapestry would get rolled up and placed in storage, where it would be protected from the destructive elements of light, moisture, and air pollution.

But that is not an option at the Gardner, as it is at most museums.

"Mrs Gardner wanted people to enjoy these things," says Bullock, conservator of textiles. Isabella Stewart Gardner, a wealthy woman of the Victoria era, was revered in her time, as she is now, as one of America's most generous, public-minded patrons of the arts. She built her own museum so the public could view her priceless art—which over the years has earned international recognition.

The Gardner Museum must abide by its founder's mandate: The nearly 2,000 objects on display may never be added to, put in storage, or rearranged in any way. The staff is in a race against time to preserve these works, destined always to be exposed to the museum's environment.

Humidity, light, heat, dust, bugs, and car exhaust - all take their toll on the collection. Tapestries sag with moisture; metalwork corrodes; leather wall panels swell and shrink with shifting temperatures. In an unusual layout, three floors of galleries open onto a central courtyard, where natural light streams down through the glass roof.

The Museum of Fine Arts, just a few blocks away, does not have to deal with such a barrage of dangers. Unlike the Gardner, it has climate control, which includes air conditioning, air filters, and humidity regulation. In addition, the bulk of its collection is in storage.

But at the Gardner, even the flow of visitors is hazardous to the collection. "People get very close to things," says Barbara Mangum, conservator of objects. "Sometimes they even sit on the furniture or use the tables." In a way,

that's understandable, she says, since "the whole atmosphere is designed to make one feel comfortable" - like walking through someone's home. Mrs Gardner actually lived in an apartment on the fourth floor, as did subsequent directors.

Misguided repair jobs of the past also cause decay. In one of the laboratories, Ms Mangum holds up a chunk of a Greco-Roman marble sculpture from 50 BC. "His thigh fell off," she says. Back in the 1800s, someone drove iron dowels into the leg to hold it together. When rust forms around the iron, says Mangum, "that volume expansion causes the stone to crack.

Mangum must remove the rested dowels and clean off traces of shellac and lead that were used as adhesive and filler. Then she'll glue the thigh back onto the body with a colouriess, stable epoxy.

The (restoration) techniques here are very, very traditional," says Bullock, who was worked on textiles here for 20 years. This is no place to experiment with new-fangled ideas, she explains. The rule of thumb, adds her assistant, Ada Logan, is: "Whatever you do, make it so it can be undone" later, without ruining the object.

In the textile laboratory, conservators sit in front of tapestries wound up on long rollers and work on one unrolled section at a time. Various colours of cotton thread lie in clumps beside them Bullock estimates it takes her about one month to complete one square foot of "Amazons Preparing for a Joust," not counting frequent interruptions.

"You have to use a gentle-grant approach," says Ms Logan, and this involves having a certain "feel" for textiles. Bullock says it's like watching people in a clothing store. "If you watch some people shop, they are aware of fibre and weave, whereas others just whip through the racks without any sensitivity to

Having an art background is paramount, too, she adds, "because you need to have the eye and the dexterity to know what you're

Unfortunately, "tapestries make great air filters," says Bullock. A Flemish tapestry called "Noah Builds the Ark" was recently rehung after being cleaned and restored. When it was taken down five years ago, the staff noticed a film of grimy, black grit on the wall, showing faint outlines of the tapestry's pattern.

"Tapestries trap everything that floats by in the air and basically stick it on the wall behind them," explains Bullock. Now, a Gore-Tex insulating barrier hangs behind "Noah." The conservators look forward to the day

when the Gardner Museum will be climate controlled, a goal now in the planning stages. The staff recently concluded a two-year environmental study to help determine what

*The age of the collection is accelerating so



In the textile laboratory, Ada Logan repairs a



much," says Bullock, that it keeps a staff of nine full-time conservators going constantly. Early this year, the museum will be enlarging its conservation laboratories under the guidance of its new director, Anne Hawley.



Barbara Magnum works on "thigh" dating from 50 BC

Herbal remedies are best

NEW YORK, (Reuter): For a cat with sneezing fits, try onion capsules as a cure. For an itchy dog, a dose of poison ivy. And for a constipated pet python, diluted strychnine

So says maverick veterinary surgeon Dr C.W. Schaubhut, one of a growing number of homeopathic doctors whose treatments are based on a principle of "like treats like." The best remedy for an ailment, they say, is one that mimics the symptoms.

People are paying hundreds of dollars a visit to have their pets treated with these age-old remedies made mainly from plants and minerals.

"We've just scratched the surface of what this is all about, even though it's as old a tradition as any sort of medicine," Schaubhut said in his Manhattan clinic where he helped dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov's black standard poodle deliver pups.

Schaubhut relies on regular veterinary treatments

for about a quarter of his patients. But the rest of the time, he says, sweeping his arm past hundreds of vials of natural remedies, all that's needed is a good dose of some of these to wipe away even the most stubborn of ailments. Hysteria in your chihuahua? Heart disease in your

ferret? Homesickness" Arthritis? Diabetes? Schaubhut says he's got a cure for it all.

As he spoke, a stocky black dog, yelping and obviously in pain, sidled into the clinic. "Oh is that that Rottweiler?" Schaubhut grumbled. "I know him. He's really a rough guy.

The animal had vicious diarrhoea and the doctor prescribed arsenicum album — arsenic so diluted with milk sugar that the final capsule contains only one one-millionth of a gram of the poison. He

explained: "The arsenic causes the lining of the intestines to degenerate and you begin to bleed and haemorrhage and become very dehydrated." Small doses alert the body to the ailment and rally its own disease-defence system, he says.

This works? The dog's distraught owner nods. In the waiting room, pet owners dote on their

Animals in the intensive care unit wake drowsy from surgery. They have had turnours, claws, or ear mites removed or have been neutered. Many will get homeopathic follow-up treatment

A cat, whose vision was blurred and balance impaired after a picture fell on her neck, was given belladona — "an herb named for beautiful Italian ladies who used to put it in their eyes to make their pupils dilate for flirting," Schaubhut said.

Rashes and skin eruptions are often treated with microdoses of poison ivy, and hayfever with onion abstract — or octopus ink, depending on the time of day the sneezing fits occur. The doctor's remedies are usually made from

plants and minerals but he also uses "nosodes" — substances made from pus and other fluids. Some substances are extracted from solid tissues, such as tumours.

For a constipated python which had eaten eight or nine mice, the doctor prescribed nux vomica, the plant from which highly poisonous strychnine is derived. It worked in 24 hours. Schaubhut is one of about 4,000 homeopathic

doctors in the United States - only about 75 of these are vets - and the number is growing rapidly. Schaubhut has seen his business grow by about 50 per cent in the past five years and now sees about 4,000 animals annually.

Sphinx whispers 'save me' again

Hi-tech restoration

GIZA PLATEAU, Egypt (AP): Egypt is combining old photographs and American high technology in the most comprehensive save-the-sphinx campaign in 3,400 years.

Such an ambitious project was last undertaken in ancient Egypt's new kingdom, after a young pharaoh-to-be fell asleep in the shadow of the sphinx and heard it whisper: "Save me."

The new campaign, announced this week by Culture Minister Farouk Hosni, follows years of delay and disagreement over how to save the crumbling monument, a half-man, half-lion sculpted 4,600 years ago.

Late last year, the Egyptian Antiquities Organization launched an emergency conservation project to remove and replace concrete blocks and mortar from the sphinx's front paws and haunches. The new project combines the Egyptian's hands-on restoration work with ultramodern monitoring equipment from the United States to discover why the sphinx is deteriorating and what to do

Protective wooden scaffolding already climbs from the statue's chest to the top of its cobra-adorned headdress. The famous piercing eyes and subtle smile barely show through.

"I must find a way to save it ...," said Sayed Tawfik, Egyptian Antiquities chairman "I wanted somebody to say this is how we're going to save it. Not jus for my lifetime, but for the next 2,000 years."

For the answer, Tawfik turned to the Getty Conservation Institute of Marina Del Rey, California, the only institute of its kind that searches for ways to save man's heritage and provides the money that make it possible.

Tawfik said it wasn't easy to find someone brave enough to seek with him a cure for the ailing sphinx. "People, institutions, everybody was afraid

to touch the sphinx, afraid they'd be blamed if something went wrong," he said. "We have a nickname for it, 'father of terror'. Everybody was terrified to help us, because the sphinx is so big and so famous. "Even Getty, which is involved in other

projects in Egypt, wasn't interested until they saw we were serious, that we were ready to do someting instead of just babbling and writing papers. We are serious."

Getty offered both financial and technical help. The budget for a year of monitoring is less than \$200,000, but the fnal price tag for saving the sphinx is likely to dwarf that.

Luis Monreal, the Getty Institute's director, told the Associated Press he's ready for the challenge. "You have to imagine that although the

sphinx has been around almost 5,000 years, it's been covered with sand for all but about 500." he said. Since the sphinx was last uncovered in 1925, it "has been exposed to the modern world 24 hours a day, and the sphinx is suffering."

We cannot return the sphinx to the way it would have looked to the Pharaohs, but we are confident we can return it to the pristine look it had in 1925 if that's the look the

Egyptians want."
The star of the project is a 200-pound (91kg), 6 1-2-foot-tall (2m) meteorological station, which will be perched atop the sphinx's back, anchored by sandbags.

Capable of recording data for one year, the untended solar-powered monitor will record natural and manmade forces attacking the sphinx including traffic vibrations, changes in moisture, temperature and wind direction and the effects of sand, salt, water and earth-

Japanese Shin Maekawa developed the system for Getty, which has used it for five months in a major preservation project in

At the sphinx, its job will be to discover what's causing erosion that has gutted almost every part of the mammoth limestone statue. Experts predict the decay will increase dramatically as Cairo's 14 million population continues to expand.

The first major campaign to save the sphinx was the project of the Young Prince who later became Pharaoh Tuthmosis IV.

The Sphinx

Heritagesticks to roots

For Earth, Wind and Fire, Heritage (Columbia, 7464-45268-1)
IN the '70s. Earth, Wind and Fire found itself in the '70s. Earth, Wind and Fire found itself in the '70s. on the cutting edge of a fused musical form that crossed racial lines and gave even flatfooted white people a beat they could dance to.

Disco could have grown in the 1980s, had it been left to quality banks like Earth, Wind and Fire rather than the scores of near-talentless fly-by-night acts that eventually dug disco's

EWF sticks to its roots in its latest project. Heritage, a 17-cut recording that features the core members of the original band and includes on some cuts funkster Sly Stone and Rappers the Boys and M.C. Hammer. There is an inherent disco beat to the music

on Heritage, which is likely to turn some people off. But anti-disco sentiment aside, there is not denying that EWF's lyrics are emotional and intelligent and far beyond what is commonly offered by copycat bump-and-grind bands.

Jazz, pop, country
Bla Fleck, Bla Fleck and the Flecktones (Warner Bros, 9 26124-2)
With the incredible new grass revival on

hold, young Banjo Wizard Bla Fleck is striding down his own musical path these days with a funky band and a sound that delies categorisa-

There is a country and bluegrass tinge

because of the Banjo's presence, but this session has more of a jazz and blues feel to it on both the ballads and the uptempo tunes, all of them Fleck originals, including Reflection of Lucy, an extensive reworking of Lennon and McCartney's Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds. The band includes Howard Levy on piano,

harmonica and Jew's harp; Victor Wooten on electric bass, and Roy Wooten who plays electronic drums on a custom-designed synthesized guitar body.

From the funkiness of The Sinister Minister

to the elegant balladry of Half Moon Bay there is an incredible array of moods spun here, as if Fleck is celebrating the richness of his broad musical roots.

But don't try to label the music of this astonishing player. Enjoy it. Just enjoy it.

Pop, Rock Venice, Venice (Modern 91351-4)

Like the city in California for which it is named, the band Venice is extraordinary.

The group — which boasts two alternating lead vocalists, two brothers, two cousins and three close friends — hopes to create its own legend, starting with its self-titled debut release

Both sides carry a consistent sound and harmony reminiscent to that of Steely Dan and

Gimmicks are out and reality in for Venice.

ships and candidly addresses such topics as Aids, the environment and racism. People Laugh, is a reaction to the trend of people joking about serious issues like Aids. Ocean relates about pollution — warning listeners to Wake Up There's An Ocean Cryin'. Honest emotions are addressed in such relationship songs as Pushed Her Too Far and

The record touches, the side effects or relation-

Venice keyboardisi Monroe Jones put it just right when he described his band's sound as Gut-Level Music.

(Tessical

Frantisek Jilek, Broo State Philharmonic, Janacek: Sinfonletta, Taras Bulba, Lachian Dances (Supraphon, 11 0282)

Czech this out. It's the famous Janacek Sisonicita the way they play it in Czechoslovakia, with a sweeter, more folkish sound, even in the opening and closing fanfares that have made this work such a favourite for showing off new speakers.

There are nice touches throughout — like the nice, crisp cymbals in the second movement. Nice symbolism, too - Janacek composed the work with the city of Brno in mind. Why not hear it played by the home team? Turus Bulba and the Lachian Dances appear

on other Sinfonietta CDs as filler but seldom

are done with the tender loving care evident

FAMILY DOCTOR By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: My mild hypertension was first discovered during an annual checkup when I was about 45 years old. I have been undertreatment for more than 15 years now. I did all the good things you write about and followed my physician's orders through many changes, both in medications and dosages. My blood pressure has been under control for more than three years now with the same schedule. But the answer to my question should surely interest many of your readers. Will I ever be able to stop taking all this medication? Please give us your thoughts.

Answer: THe fact that you are asking this question reveals that your are a success story, and that the long struggle for control has been worthwhile. Even with the many choices that exist for therapy today, it's not always easy to reach the ideal combination of factors that can control this disease. Most physicians use a stepped-care plan for therapy, starting with control of all the possible lifestuyle risk factors, such as alcohol use, tobacco use, weight control, diet and sodium restriction before turning to medications.

Then a single medication is selected from among four categories: dieretics, beta blockers, calcium antagonists and ACE inhibitors. If the first attempt fails, either the dosage is increased or another medica-tion is added. With further evaluation, a third medication may be added from still another class of medications, or another prescription substituted for one currently being taken. This may continue until three or four drugs are taken, each for a different class, and in sufficient dosages to control the leel of the

blood pressure. Once we have mounted these steps and the hyper-

DOCTORS SEEK RIGHT DRUG COMBINATION TO EASE HYPERTENSION

tension has been under control for at least one year, the possibilities for marching back down the steps may be considered. Drug dosage may be reduced, one drug at a time, and careful evaluation continues for a period of time. It may be possible to reduce the number of medications after a while, providing the pressure remains at normal levels. However, it is rarely possible to stop all the medications. THe stepdown procedure is most successful in patients who have mild hypertension and when all those good lifestyle measures are rigidly maintained.

I thought you would like to know: A friendly tip from a devoted reader who knows that I share this problem with him has led me to a valuable resource for those who suffer that annoying and distracting chirping in the ear that physicians call "tinnitus." And I know there are many of you, for statistics reveal that about 12 million Americans have tinnitus in a severe form, and many millions more have it to a lesser degree.

The American Tinnitus Association, P.O. Box 5, Portland. Ore. 97207, was founded in 1971 by Dr Charles Unice, himself a sufferer from severe tinnitus. Devoted to encouraging research in this field, it also provides a rich source of information to those who want more knowledge about this condition. You can obtin a packet of material by sending your request directly to the above address, enclosing a stamped. self-addressed, business-size envolope with 45 cents postage affixed. The booklet "Noise: Its Effects on Hearing and Tinnitus" is certainly one you should study carefully, and then pass on to younger relatives. as an educational effort that may help them avoid the whistling in the ear you may be hearing as you read

Foreign guns make inroads in US

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): First, there were the cars that could no longer compete with imports. Then came consumer electronics. And now, even guns made in the United States are being shot into second place.

"It's bad enough that we invented the VCR (video cassette recorder) and can't manufacture it, or that Mercedes is the top-prestige sedan in the land of the Cadllac," lamented writer Henry Allen in the Washington Post.

"But guns the gun is to America what the sword is to Japan - a tool that shaped our geography, politics and psyche. Would the Japanese go to Europe to buy Samurai swords? We even go there to buy replicas of ... the single-action army colt, the gun that won the West."

Its successor, the legendary Colt .45, is now being phased out as the standard pistol of the US armed forces. The colt's replacement: Italy's Beretta. It won over American makers Smith and Wesson and Ruger in two shootoffs in 1985 and 1989.

And foreign guns continue to make inroads. Discerning police have begun switching to Berettas, Austrian glocks and German heckler, Koch pistols. Status-conscious robbers prize Israeli Uzi submachine guns — as does the US secret service.

The latest cover of Guns & Ammo, the bible of American gun lovers, sports the Taurus, a high-tech Brazilian pistol which comes equipped with a lasersighting system. No American manufacturer has anything like

Guns & Ammo noted that Americans were "long wedded to traditional names" but in the last decade had gradually come to accept quality handguns of other

makes. "A great deal more serious thought must be given to design," said Andrew Molchan, of the Florida-based National Association of Federally Licensed Firearms dealers which represents more than 10,000 US firearm retailers.

"This is one of the many cases where American manufacturers are interested more in immediate big numbers than in innovative state-of-the-art design," Molchan told Reuters. In the process, the United States has fallen behind.

But at least in the handgun industry, there is a light at the end of the barrel.

"There is no fundamental reason why American manufacturers couldn't return to world class designs. That's not true for some other American industries which are dead, out of the ballpark."

Others are sick, still others not as thriving as they used to be: only one US company. Zenith, now manufactures television sets. None produces VCRs, invented in the United States. And for the first time last year, the best-selling car in the United States was made by a Japanese company — the Honda Accord.

"Japanese auto makers have roared so far ahead (of US cars) in product development and technology that catching up may be all but impossible," the Wall Street Journal reported recently. Such developments highlight a

steady decline in US competitiveness and, in turn, an erosion of economic well-being which is documented by a spate of statis-In a new book on the US malaise, one of the country's leading economists, Paul Krug-

per cent a year, real wages have fallen and poverty increased. But although the United States has been slipping relentlessly, Krugman says, remarkable fact is that our economic performance today is

man, notes that over the past two

decades, productivity has increased by little more than one

broadly considered a success." According to Krugman, a professor of economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the reason is that expectations have diminished and Americans now accept far less for themselves than anyone could have imagined 20 years

To hear Krugman tell it in a book entitled "The Age of Diminished Expectations: US Economic Policies in the 1990s," the United States will fall to number three behind Europe and Japan by the year 2000 if things continue as they are.

They probably will, says Krugman. "The US economy is so huge and the sins of economic policy so comparatively venial that we can afford to be irresponsible for a long time.

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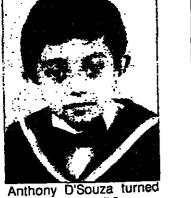
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By Marco, the Magician

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baloon turns light yellow.

The trick appears to be a page taken straight out of a fiction sovel It almost looks like, when the magician does it on stage It in however an elementary trick like the last one. This is how it should

Magic

How many of Roger's peanuts can you see?



Young poets

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- I like ice-cream.
- I like toys. I like dolls.
- I like cartoons. I like Tom and Jerry.
- I like reading. I like stories.
- I like Cinderella. Ranya M. Rahim, 5 years old. Indian School Fahaheel.
- Sadness has overhelmed me I cannot resist Grief, as never before experienced Has brought me to my knees. The sadness of death is catching It lingers unobserved In every black letter from a black house Written by black-clothed people. Sweeping over households
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 And dead acidic lakes as pale as lemon juice To the place of eternal resting
 To glimpse the victim of death's vigil
 Dressed in all her mortal finery.
 Silent, dignified, at peace with the world.
 And far away — I hear a baby cry I wonder — 'Was this the end, Or a new beginning?'

Saliya Silva, Age: 13 years old, Senior 2 Kuwait English School

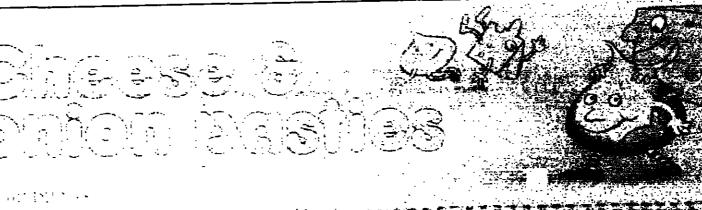
Amazing facts

In Saskatchewan, Canada, it is illegal to drink water in beer parlours. .

A kangaroo can hop at an estimated speed of 41 km per hour.

The entire contents of the first gramophone record was: 'Mary had a little lamb.'

Typhoid Mary' was the name given to Mary Mallon of New York City who was responsible for 1,300 cases of typhoid. She was eventually placed under permanent detention from 1915 until her death in 1938.





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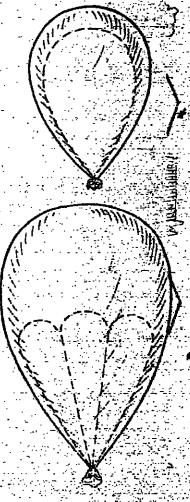
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The same principle can be taken further. Instead of one, two balloons can be made to sprout from one that is burst. For this insert two balloons inside the bigger one. Inflate the same way as laid down above. When you take the pin and prick the outer balloon it looks as though you have changed a single balloon into two. The same principle could be carried further in what could be called a multiplication frield.

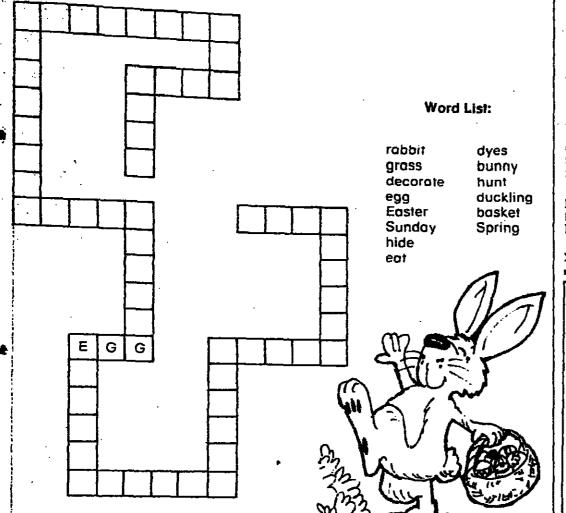
called a multiplication frick, Balloons of the same colour (say, blue) could be inserted in a bigger balloon of blue colour. When the

of offsprings! NOTE In this trick care should be taken about the choice of colours of the balloons. Always ensure the balloons of a lighter colour are lixed inside the outside balloon, which will have a darker colour. Here, the audience will see though the trick



Easter Trail Blazer

Directions: Place the words from the word list in the boxes to form a continuous trail. Place one letter in each box. Corner boxes are shared with two words. One word has been done for you.



Children's radio network to hit airwaves this summer

By Sue Morgan

PHILADELPHIA, (UPI): Kids already have a television network with programme just for them and a group of Philadelphia entreprenurs is hoping the younger set will take just as enthusiastically to radio tailored to their

The Kidwaves Radio network is to hit the airwaves this summer with 13 hours a day of programming for kids, from news to storytelling to music.

"This network will battle illiteracy in our country," said Kidwaves President Mel Diamond, "we're exposing children to programming ... so we can stimulate their creativity and imagination.

"That is severely lacking when they have only one other medium to choose from - the visual medium." Diamond said.

Kidwayes hopes to stimulate its young listeners with programmes including "what do you know," a quiz show, "All about kids," an interview programme. Musical time machine." which will introduce kids to classical music, and "story stew," featuring storytelling and performances of classic stories.

The network's co-founders are Linda Katz and Marcia Moon, who set up the Children's Literacy Initiative, and Ragan Henry, a Philadelphia attorney who owns the largest group of FM stations in the United States.

"It's not A-B-C-D-E-F-G, not at all, "Diamond said of the programming mix. "It's entertaining to the child and to the parent. That's critical, because many parents are going to tune in to this in the car.

"My feeling is the initial listening will be as a result of the parents, and the rest will be a desire to hear more," Diamond said.

Kidwaves is also hoping schools will tune in to all or part of its program"Certainly, schools will have the opportunity to tune in to us and use programming in their curriculum," Diamond said. "We will programme it so that children whoa re at school will have programming directed for their age group when they get home."

"Most of the programmes will be produced in-house," said Diamond," and aimed at children from 2 to 11 years old."

"It's not just a disk jockey playing records and that's what is so good about it." Diamond said. "It's all preproduced for children.'

Kidwaves' initial sales pitch is aimed at AM radio stations that operate only during the day, do not have sister FM stations or that broadeast simulcast programming from sister FM stations.

"All those groups represent AM stations that aren't making money and

are in fact losing money," said Diamond, who previously worked

with a National Hispanic network and a national satellite music network. The financial factor has convinced Diamond it will be easy to lure tar-

geted station owners to substitute

Kidwayes for their present formats. Once the see by switching to Kidwaves they can make a profit and reduce their operating costs by a third, think reason will take over. Diamond said.

The network already has signed up affiliates in Houston and Kansas City. Although Kidwave's stated goal is to combat illiteracy, Diamond readily admits the network is in business to

make money. "I don't believe that having a good goal like that is mutually exclusive to the thought of earning a profit at the same time," Diamond said. "If you can serve the community while earning a profit, you have the best of both worlds"

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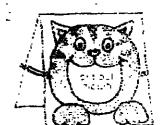
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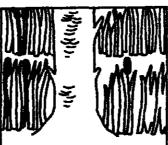
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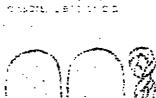
play?'
'What in those clothes?'
'No — in the park.'





'Your mother's in an asylum, your father's in gaol, your brother's in Borstal and your sister's at university?

'S' right.' 'What is she studying?'
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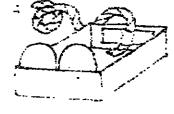
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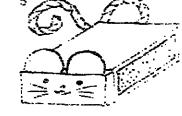
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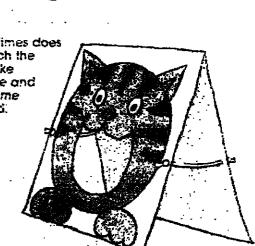


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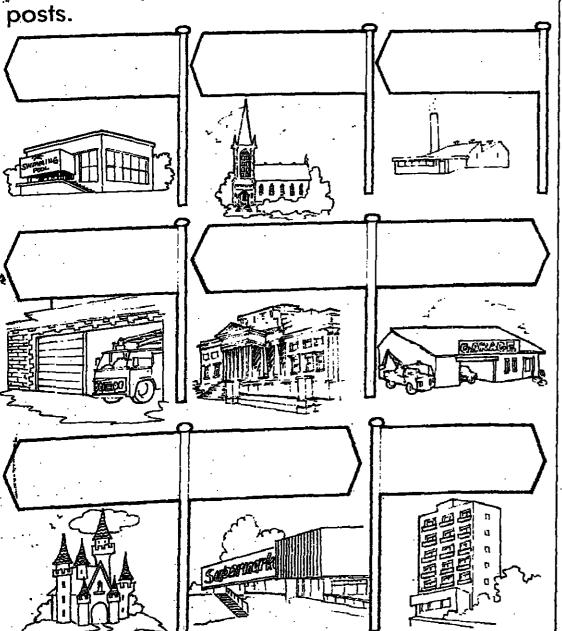
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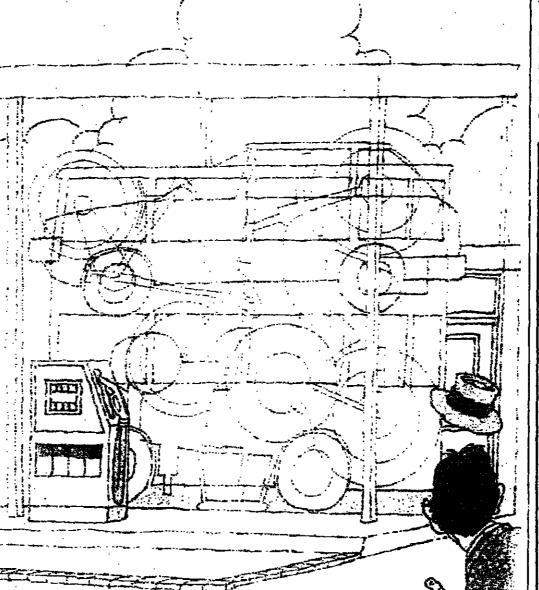
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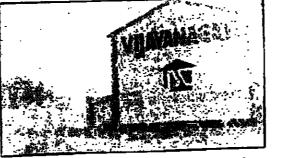
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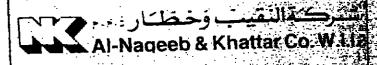
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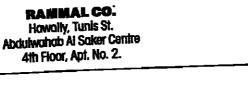
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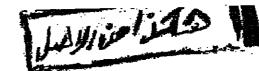
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ISBON, April 9, (Reuter). Porto stended their tead over second-blaced Benfica in the Portuguese soc-First Division to four points when they scored a 2-1 away win over Tirsense yesterday.

Spanish appeal

ZURICH, April 9, (Reuter): The appeal by the Spanish Football Federation against a record 1.5 million Swiss france (\$990,000) fine for contravening the rules on television transmissions will be heard here

New tournament

BEIJING, April 9, (AP): The Asian Football Confederation said today the national teams from China. Japan, South Korea and North Korea will meet in Beijing this July to ginaugurate a new biannual soccer

PSV toppled

AMSTERDAM, April 4. (Reuter)
Ajax displaced PSV hindhoven at the top of the Dutch soccer first Division yesterday with a 1-th win at Groningen while PSV were held to a complete day. géalless draw hy Volendam a day after saying they would part com-pany with their coach

Soccer violence

BONN, April 9, (UPI): Weeks of mounting violence among soccer fans in East Germany culminated in incidents in the southern city of Jena, where fans threw signal ammunition at police and smashed windows, the East German news agency ADN said yesterday. The clashes occurred Saturday, the regular day for league play. At Jena, where the local team played FC Berlin. A policeman was bit in the fore business. hit in the face by signal ammunition fired by fans, apparently West Ger-

Africa tourney

RABAT, April 9, (Reuter): Titleholders Raja of Casabianca beat mighty Barolles of Liberia 2-0 (half time 1-0) in the first round of the Africa Champions' Cup at the Mohammed V studium in isablanca on Saturday night

Mattar champion

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 9, (Reuter): Luiz Mattar of Brazil realised the Rio de Janeiro Open tennis title and gained revenge for a Davis Cup defeat when he beat Andrew Sznajder of Canada 6-4 6-4 in the final yesterday.

Sanchez wins

LISBON, April 9, (Reuter): Third seed Emilio Sanchez Vicario of Spain overwhelmed unseeded Franco Davin of Argentina 6-3 6-1 in the final of the \$250,000 Estoril Open tennis tournament yesterday. Cycling race

ROUBAIX, France, April 9, (AP): Belgium's Eddy Planckaert edged Canada's Steve Bauer in the final inches of the Paris-Roubaix Cycling Classic yesterday, winning the 265.5-tionetre (165-mile) race by less than windth of a tyre. **Hacing engine**

MONDON, April 9, (Reuter):

eyton House racing and Ilmor hip venture yesterday to develo and manufacture a Formula One motor racing engine.

Soccer tourney

LISBON, April 9, (AP): Portugal will host the junior soccer World Championship tournament June 14 30 next year, the deputy president of the National Soccer Federation announced yesterday.

ice hockey

LYON, France, April 9, (AP): Switzerland downed France 4-1 yester-day to clinch the title in the World B Ice Hockey Championship. The Swiss team finished its round-robin slate with 12 points and will advance to the A group next year. However, it will come a year too late for Switzerland, which is hosting the A group tournament later this month but did not qualify for it in 1989.

Oldham hold United to draw

Palace surprise Liverpool

LONDON, April 9, Reuter Crystal Palace, dismissed by many soccer fans as no-hopers. caused one of the biggest shocks in recent English FA Cup history yesterday when they beat holders Liverpool 43 in extra time to reach their first final.

Second Division Oldham completed a day of semifinal surprises when they took the lead against Manchester United after five minutes, went 2-1 behind, equalised and ended the tie after extra time with a richly-deserved 3-3 draw.

England captain Bryan Rob-son, starting his first senior match for United since a groin strain in December, rallied his team with an equaliser in the 29th

The replay will be at Manchester City's Maine Road ground on Wednesday with the final played at Wembley on May 12. Oldham have already earned one trip to Wembley on April 29 to face holders Nottingham Forest in the League Cup final.

Palace, thrashed 9-0 by Liverpool in the League earlier this season, twice came back from a goal down to finish 3-3 at the end of regulation time.

A goal in the 109th minute at

Villa Park made sure of Palace's first Cup final appearance in the 85-year existence of the club.

ROME, April 9, (Reuter): AC Milan and Napoli were still

separated by one point in their

race for the Italian League title

The European Cup cham-pions lead the standings with 45

points after being held 0-0 at Bologna, while Diego Maradona's Napoli have 44 foll-owing their scoreless draw at

The First Division, with three

matches to go, seemed to get

locked in a collective stalemate.

Only 10 goals were scored in the

nine matches, Juventus alone

Two players were sent off,

mina vend Gremone defender Felice Garzilli after 35

Roma captain Giuseppe Gian-

nini in the 0-0 draw at home to

minutes in Juventus's 4-0 home

Atalanta.

contributing four.

after both drew 0-0 yesterday.

Striker Alan Pardew, a bargain buy from Minor League side Yeovil, headed the winner from



Webb, scored one for United

Italian soccer title race remains tight

close range after Andy Thorn had flicked on a corner from Andy Gray in the 109th minute. Welsh international striker

Champions Internazionale

stayed three points behind

Napoli in third place after they

were held 1-1 by Cesena on the

San Siro pitch that has become a

World Cup embarrassment for the city of Milan.

the Italian season, the previous

lowest being 11 goals in January

28. The all-time First Division

negative record is nine goals on

two occasions at the height of

Catenaccio, the Italian ultra-

defensive system then in vogue.

Napoli's Brazilian midfielder

Alemao left the field at Atalanta

in the 78th minute after he was hit

by an object thrown from the

West German defender

in the mid-1960s.

It was the lowest scoring day of

lan Rush had put Liverspool, seeking a record fourth Cup final place in five years, 1-0 ahead when he scored his 23rd goal of

Andreas Brehme put Inter-

nazionale ahead in the 67th min-

ute, but Massimo Agostini

equalised for Cesena 10 minutes

Sampdoria stayed in fourth

place with Juventus on 40 points

after a 1-0 home win over Lecce.

defender Amedeo Carboni head-

ing the winner in the 25th minute.

half purpose as against Cologne in their UEFA Cup semifinal

first leg home match on Wednes-day when they also went three

But they did not allow relega-

tion-haunted Cremonese a second half reprieve as they did

the West German club, who

pulled back to 3-2 on Wednes-

Pierluigi Casiraghi rubbed in

Juventus showed the same first

the season in the 14th minute. Soon afterwards he left the field with bruised ribs.

Palace, dangerously close to relegation in the First Division, forced their way back with a powerful goal by winger Mark Bright in tthe opening minute of

the second half. Gary O'Reilly put Palace 2-1 ahead after 70 minutes but two goals in two minutes for Liverpool seemed to have swung the game out of Palace's reach with only seven minutes remaining.

First, Steve McMahon thundered home an equaliser in the 81st and then Liverpool won a controversial penalty when John Pemberton tripped Steve Staunton. England striker John Barnes calmly put the holders 3-2 ahead from the spot.

But Palace refused to give up and equalised three minutes before time with a Gray header after a goalmouth scramble.

They almost stole the match in the dying seconds of normal time when Thorn thumped a header against the bar.

We hung ourselves...football-wise we were better than them but they were better organised at set-pieces and that won them the game," Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish said.

He said the absence of defender Gary Gillespie, substituted at half time due to a groin strain, had not helped.

"It restores your faith in foot-

the Turin side's superiority with a fourth goal eight minutes after

All three first half goals stem-

med from free-kicks by midfiel-

der Angelo Alessio, defender

Nicolo Napoli heading Juventus

into the lead after only two min-

his Italy debut against Swit-

zerland in Berne a week ago,

scored his 14th goal of the season

in the 20th minute from Alessio's

Salvatore Schillaci, who made

the break.

utes from the first.

second free-kick.

ball when the favourites don't always win," delighted Palace manager Steve Coppell said.

Oldham substitute Roger Palmer kept his team's hopes of a League abnd FA Cup double alive with a goal in the 107 min-ute after Manchester United made it 3-2 in the 92nd.

Like Liverpool, manager Alex Ferguson's expensive United had twice nosed in front only to have their fifth final in 14 years snatched away, at least temporarily, by their poorer city neighbours.

Earl Barrett had taken advantage of a mistake by goalkeeper Jim Leighton to clip home Oldham's first goal.

Robson, having scored for the firt time in seven months, was substituted in the 71st minute by Danny Wallace and within seconds England international Neil Webb headed home.

It was Webb's first goal since he returned to United last week after an eight-month lay-off through injury,

But four minutes later Oldham's Ian Marshall hit his sixth goals of the season to-take the match to extra time.

Ninety seconds into the firt period, Wallace rushed on to a pass in the area and slid the ball inside the post but Palmer made sure nothing would wreck manager Joe Royle's 41st birthday with the equaliser to ensure the

Stevens may

Navratilova wins 150th singles title

Gilbert triumphs easily

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C., April 9, (Reuter): Experience triumphed over youth yesterday as top seed Martina Navratilova defeated Jennifer Capriati 6-2 6-4 to claim her 150th career singles title at the

S500,000 Hilton Head clay court tennis tournament.

Navratilova, ranked second in the world, earned \$100,00 for her efforts and move to within seven titles of Chris Evert's record 157 by winning here for the third time.

But the top seed, 19 years older than her unseeded opponent, had to play her serve and volley best to stop the 14-year-old American, who is expected to come in at 25th in the world after completing the minimum

number of events needed for a ranking. "I was nervous and excited," admitted Navratilova. "I don't think

she was intimidated. It was every bit as tough as I had expected." Navratilova controlled the match with her strong serve and by attacking net early and often against Capriati, who had not had much

experience against left handers.

Navratilova successfully fought off the three break points she faced and broke Capriati in the fifth and seventh games of the first set and the

third came of the second set. But Capriati, twice a finalist in just three tournaments since she turned professional last month, came up with several spectacular winners and chased down shots that would have been well out of reach

for most players. Over the course of the match Capriati ripped numerous crosscourt backhand passes that demonstrated she will be a force to be reckoned

with on the women's circuit. "It was the greatest feeling of my life," said Capriati, who earned \$40,000. "Here I was playing a legend."
■In Orlando, Fla., top-seed Brad Gilbert overwhelmed third-seeded

South African Christo van Rensburg 6-2 6-1 in just 50 minutes yesterday to win the \$250,000 Orlando Tennis Classic

Gilbert, a classic counter-puncher, controlled play from the outset and never allowed the 31st-ranked Van Rensburg into the match. The American, ranked fifth in the world, broke Van Rensburg in the fifth and seventh games to take the first set.

In the second set, Gilbert allowed Van Rensburg to hold his serve just once — in the opening game — before running off six successive games with the help of three service breaks.

"I played really well," said Gilbert, who lost the final here last year to compatriot Andre Agassi by the same score.
"I played my best match of the tournament. I just match up well against him. I've beaten him five times," added the US Davis Cup

member after claiming his 19th career title. Gilbert earned \$32,400 for his victory, but appeared somewhat shocked to hear that Martina Navratilova had won \$100,000 for

Lazio AC Milan

goals to lead the United States to a 4l victory over Iceland in a World Cup soccer warm-up match yesterday.

An attack-minded US squad.

play throughout. Defender Steve Trittschuh opened the scoring for the US with a header past leeland goaltender Bjarni Sigur-

dsson in the 10th minute.

Wynalda gave the US a two-goal lead with a header to the far post in

The far more aggressive US team, which outshot Iceland 17-8, added to

their commanding 3-0 halftime lead when Brucer Murray scored on a header off a well-timed cross.

US triumph

heading to the World Cup finals for the first time in 40 years, dominated

kick-off, forcing the referee to suspend play for half

MADRID, April 9, (Reuter): Real Madrid virtually sealed their fifth successive Spanish First Division soccer title yesterday when they beat Celta Vigo 3-0 in a match suspended by a hailstrom and stretched their League lead to 10 points.

City rivals Atletico Madrid snatched a point from a goalless draw at Real Sociedad but they have only a mathematical chance of denying the champions, with five matches to come. Even if Atletico won all their remaining matches,

Real Madrid would need to lose their last live by improbably high margins to be overhauled on goal Yesterday's three goals hoisted Real to within two goals of the record tally for the season of 96, establi-

shed by arch-rivals Barcelona in 1959.
Real's Santiago Bernabeu stadium pitched turned white in a sudden hailstorm three minutes after the

Barcelona beat Valencia 2-1 to move into third

place, overtaking Valencia in the table on goal dif-ference. Both trail Atletico by one point.

The win cost Barcelona dear as their international goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta and defender Luis Lopez Rekarte earned one-match suspensions after

goals up.

receiving bookings. The Cutalans, still tired after last Thursday's 2-0 victory over Real Madrid in the Spanish Cup final, trailed 1-0 after a 17th-minute penalty by Bulgarian Lubaoslav Penev following a handling offence by

They recovered in the second half to go ahead with two goals by substitute striker Ernesto Valverde, who has scored four goals in Barcelona's last two League games and earned them four points.

LOUIS, April 9, (Reuter): Striker

the 30th minute and seven minutes later made it 3-0 on a deflection off a

Alen and Kivimaki to lead off Safari Rally

FINLAND's Markku Alen will start first in the 1990 Marlboro Safari Rally which begins in Nairobi on Wednesday. The Subaru Legacy of Alen and codriver Kiki Kıvımaki was the first car out of the drum at the unique ceremonial draw for top starting positions which was held in the

Kenyan capital. After some 15 years competing for the Italian Fiat Lancia works team, the two Finns have moved to Subaru this season. The Safari will mark not only their debut for the team but also the debut of the Legacy in the World Championship

The car which the pair will drive in: Kenya is the five-speed version developed by the Japanese division of the team. A six-speed version. developed in Europe, is expected to make its debut later in the year, with Alen again at the helm.

We have been testing testing very hard," commented Alen. "We first came to Kenya last December

We came back in January for more tests, then again in March. The car has very good suspension. Very strong. In fact, the car is stronger than me! I am much happier now that I have left-hand drive car. And the power steering makes the cor-nering so much better. Kiki and I are very positive - but the weather!

Incredible rain...."
The torrential storms, which have been causing floods through-out Kenya in the past month, are a constant topic of conversation for the competitors.

"It is literally raining everywhere. The roads are in an unbelievable state. I have never seen the Taita Sweden's Bjorn Waldegard, thrice winner of the Safari in 1977, 1984 and 1986. "In 1977, they called the event the wettest ever - I think this year could be even worse!" Wal-degard and co-driver Fred Gallager will start at number three in their Toyota Celica GT4, behind the Lancia Delta Integrale of reigning World Champions and Salari victors for the past two years, Miki Biasion and Tiziano Siviero.

"This is the first time that we are using the Celica on the Salari and we have been testing almost non-stop in Kenya since I finished Paris-Dakar in January. The car is fantastic over the rough — so much better than the Supra. We have had some problems for sure, who hasn't? But I think the car is a potential winner and I intend to beat Shekhar Mehta's record of five wins!"

The tropical conditions have certainly been an eye-opener for Sweden's Mikael Ericsson, who starts at number six in the second Toyota Celica GT4. "This is my first Safari. I had heard so much about it, especially from Claes, my co-driver who has already competed here nine times, but I wasn't really sure what to expect. "Well, it is much, much rougher

than I had imagined. I think I expec-

ted it to be like Acropolis or at least

that there would be wide roads, so

that you could drive round the deep

pot holes. But you have to drive

really hurts, even if you are down to "I went out driving with Bjorn for

one day and that was incredibly helpful for me. I learned a lot. You need a lot of back on this event. It's not really all about super driving skills but intelligent driving. You need to have your brain swit-ched on all the time that is for sure! "We spent one whole week driv-

ing in and out of deep mud holes to

see what would happen to the

engine. I would drive straight in to stall the car, get covered in mud from head to foot, get towed out— then drive right back in again! That was something different... "I have never seen rain like this. Some of our mechanics were out at Suswa the other night and they told me that the water was waist deep. I have been in Kenya for a whole month so I am going home to Sweden for a week's break. I can

be totally different again when we come back!" The announcement that the

quite believe that the conditions will



Ericsson in action during practice.

Celica for their brilliant Spanish duo Carlos Sainz and Luis Moya took everybody by surprise. The pair have never been to Kenya and are expected to arrive in Africa direct from tarmac testing in Cor-

weeks before the start of the event. Much to the delight of his local co-driver Abdul Sidi, Belgian's Gregoire de Mevius will start at number eight in a Group N Mazda 323 for Mazda Rally Team Italia. The runner-up in the 1989 FIA Group N World Championship, de Mevius was one of the heroes of the 1989 Safari, failing only on the very last leg to be the first group N finisher ever on the event.

sica to begin their recce just three

"It was terrible awful. The car was collapsing around us," laughs the talented Belgian, "but I so much wanted to get to the finish. Ever since then I have dreamed about coming back and reaching that finish ramp. The whole team are absolutely determined that this year we will do it!"

One of his chief rivals for the Group N crown will be the everpopular Kenyan driver, Patrick Niiru in a Group N Legacy. Patrick's normal exuberance was subdued two days before the draw, however, when his practice car ran out of brakes, rolled three times and comprehensively destroyed itself. Although both appeared to have escaped without injury, co-driver Rick Matthews has withdrawn on medical advice due to torn neck ligaments incurred in the accident.

the 1990 Mariboro Safari Rally will begin with a separate 'super special' stage to be held on the Ngong Racecourse, just outside Nairobi at 14.00 hrs on Wednesday. The traditional start from the ramp, outside the Kenyatta Conference Centre, will take place at 10.00 hrs on

For the first time in it's history,

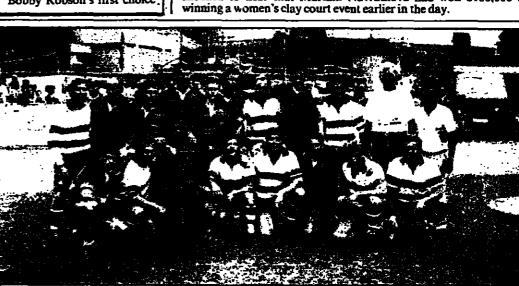
miss finals LONDON,

(Reuter): England defender Gary Stevens may miss next June's World Cup soccer finals in Italy after suffering a suspected broken leg yester-

Rangers right back Stevens limped off the field after only 15 minutes of a Scottish Premier Division match against Aberdeen. Rangers team doctor Donald Cruikshank said Stevens

had a suspected fracture of the fibula and would undergo an X-ray to see the extent of the damage. There must be some doubt as to whether he will be able to

travel with the England party," Cruikshank said. Stevens will be a big loss to the England World Cup squad as he has been manager



Gulf rugby team returns home

THE Arabian Gulf rugby team returned home after taking part in the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Bank Sevens last week. The tournament was won by Fiji after they defeated New Zealand 22-10 in one of the most dramatic finals seen in Hong Kong's

National Stadium. How much New Zealands defeat can be attributed to the game they had to play against the Arabian Gulf the previous day is hard to determine but the Gulf side certainly gave there all against the current world cham-

in fact the game almost had the most dramatic of starts when Steve Hill of Kuwait won the kick off ball from Zinzan Brooke, the ball was kicked on and knocked on just before the New Zealand line. The New Zealanders paid the Gulf the compliment of fielding their strongest team which included names as Zinzan Brooke, John Schuster, Terry Wright and Graeme Bachup.

Whilst the Gulf were eventually overcome they did manage to come close to scoring on three occasions, once scoring a try through Hill which was disalfowed only due to the incompetence of the referee and much to the disatisfaction of the crowd.

The second game saw the Gulf lose to South Korea who had too much pace. Thus Sunday saw the Gulf with a tough draw against Sri Lanka in the quarterfinal of the Bowl competition. In this game the Gulf lived up to their

Sri Lankans time to play their normal expansive game. Tries through Roger John, Chris King and Chris Matthews saw the Gulf win 24-0.

Before the semifinal there was the traditional march past which saw the Gulf sporting Arab headgear as were hundreds of their supporters in the capacity crowd

of 28,000.

The semifinal saw the Gulf against a very strong team from West Germany. The Germans took a 12-0 lead but the Gulf struck back to bring the scores to 12-6 at half time. Unfortunately the Gulf lost fly half Roger John

nalf with a knee injury, and the speed and power of the Germans finally overcame the Gulf Challenge. Winning only one of four matches may not sound a great record but the victory over Sri Lanka showed that the Arabian

Gulf has the ability to compete

well in this world class tour-

nament. The Gulf side proved

great ambassadors for rugby in the Middle East and were certainly the crowd's favourites. Arabian Gulf squad: Steve Hill (Kuwait), Andy Stevens (Qatar), Roger John, Chris Matthews, William Wood (Bahrain), Chris King, Paul Trayhurn, Jonn



The Arabian Gulf squad



England chase 356 runs for victory

W. Indies strike three vital blows

April 9, (Reuter): West Indian pacemen Ian Bishop and Curtly Ambrose struck three vital blows yesterday to put their side in charge of the fourth cricket Test against England.

At the close of the fourth day England, needing 356 to win, were 15 for three in their second innings. England lead the five-Test series 1-0.

England lost three wickets in eight overs after Viv Richards had declared the West Indies' second innings closed at 267 for eight with opener Desmond Haynes scoring 109.

The tourists made the worst possible start when Wayne Larkins was caught behind off Bishop in the first over for his second duck of the match.

Then in the day's penultimate over, Rob Bailey was given out caught behind off Ambrose for six and nightwatchman Gladstone Small was out Ibw second ball for nought.

Television replays appeared to indicate Bailey's deflection had come off his thigh pad and the England batsman was clearly dismayed at the decision. A second nightwatchman,

Jack Russell, came in and survived an over from Malcolm Marshall before bad light ended play with 16 overs still remain-

England had forced the West Indies to declare considerably later than Viv Richards would have wanted by a direct imitation of their opponents' go-slow tac-tics in the Third Test.

Cavaliers

overcome

RICHFIELD. Ohio. April 9.

(AP): John Williams scored a

career-high 33 points and Mark

Price sank two free throws with

12.3 seconds left as Cleveland

beat the Detroit Pistons 100-97

yesterday, keeping the Cavaliers

in sole possession of the final

Eastern Conference playoff

The victory was the Cavaliers'

first in the last eight games

against Detroit, which has lost

six of its last nine overall and five

of six on the road. Cleveland

leads Atlanta by one game for the

The Pistons are 3-4 since start-

ing guard Joe Dumars sustained

a broken left hand. Cleveland

won despite playing without

starting forward Larry Nance,

out for the second straight game

Sleepy Floyd scored a season-

high 32 points and Houston scor-

ched Orlando for 78 first-half

points and handed the Magic

The victory pulled the Rockets

within one game of Seattle in the

race for the final playoff berth in

the Western Conference. Orlando, which trailed by as

many as 36 points, has lost 25 of

The Magic, yielding a leaguehigh 119 points per game, was led

Floyd, who had 13 assists,

scored 25 points in the first half

when Houston built a 78-58 half-

time lead on 65 per cent shooting from the field. The Rockets

tacked on 41 points in the third

quarter and led 128-92 in the

Homets 110, Warriors 109

Kelly Tripucka's free throw

with seven-tenths of a second left

gave Charlotte a one-point vic-

tory over Golden State as the

Hornets recorded the second-

year franchise's first three-game

last 13 games and no longer has the worst record in the NBA.

while the loss dropped the Warriors 2 1-2 games behind

Seattle for the final playoff spot

Tripucka, who scored 17

points, caught an inbounds pass

with 1.8 seconds remaining and

was fouled by Rod Higgins while

shooting a 18-foot jumper from

the corner. Tripucka hit the first

free throw, then missed the

and 14 rebounds to lead the Hor-

nets. Terry Teagle had 23 points

and Mitch Richmond 22 for Gol-

Results

Detroit

Miami

Golden State Orlando

New York

123 97

100 110 146

102

Armon Gilliam had 19 points

in the Western Conference.

Charlotte has won eight of its

by Nick Anderson's 21 points.

its last 27 games.

fourth period

winning streak.

second.

den State.

Charlotte

L A Lakers

with a sprained left ankle.

Rockets 146, Magic 123

their ninth consecutive loss.

eighth playoff berth.

Pistons



Haynes: scored his 13th Test ton

They bowled only 62.2 overs in five and three-quarter hours and although the West Indies scored at almost four per over Richards did not feel it was safe to declare

any earlier. England also bowled a tidy line and length after 61 runs had been scored in the first hour when

Devon Malcolm, not learning

championship hunt with 40 points.

an ankle last year.

was not senously hurt.

MONTEREY, Calif., April 9, (Reuter): American

Yamaha rider Wayne Rainey survived a crash-

marred US Grand Prix motorcycle race yesterday to

completed the 35-lap. 76.86-mile (123.69-km) race

at the Laguna Seca Receway in 50 minutes 55.379

seconds to take a commanding lead in the world

Pierfrancesco Chili of Italy, who inherited third

place on his Honda as leaders fell out of the race,

stood second in the championship standings with 24

Australian Michael Doohan finished the race

Rainey's three principal rivals all suffered cra-

Australian Honda rider Wayne Gardner went out

"It was just a stupid mistake," said Gardner, who

American Kevin Schwantz crashed his Suzuki 10

early at the same corner where he crashed and broke

second on his Honda in 51:25.765, 29 seconds ahead

Rainey, who won the season opener in Japan,

score his second victory in as many races this year.

the lesson of the first innings, had bowled too short and had gone for 24 in 20 balls before he was taken out of the attack until just before tea.

He bowled only 10 overs in the innings, conceding 48 in what has been an unhappy Test match for

But when Richie Richardson Rainey wins Grand Prix

which included two pulled fours and a six off Malcolm, a brake

was applied on the scoring.

Haynes reached his 50 from only 62 balls but was much slower thereafter, reaching his 13th Test hundred from 170 balls with 10 fours.

Haynes' stand with Gus Logie was worth 114 in 30 overs, the two batting through the after-noon session. But when Haynes, trying to force the pace, was out to a well-judged catch at long-off by Malcolm off Small, five wickets fell for only 16 runs.

Logie, who made 48, was lbw to DeFreitas and soon afterwards the Barbadian-born Small, by dismissing Marshal and Ezra Moseley in successive deliveries, had accounted for all four Bajans in the West Indies' side. Marshall drove to long-on and Moseley was clean bowled.

Ambrose was caught at wide long-on off the persevering DeFreitas in the following over before a further 28 were scored

by Dujon and Bishop. Small, with four for 74 from 20 overs, finished with eight wickets in the match while DeFreitas deservedly picked up three for 69

from 22 overs. ● Injured England cricket cap-tain Graham Gooch was pes-simistic yesterday about his chances of playing in the fifth and final Test against West

Gooch, who broke the little finger on his left hand in the second innings of the drawn third Test, will learn tomorrow if the

laps from the finish after staging a race-long duel with Rainey and retired with an injury to his left

Defending world championship Eddie Lawson of

the US broke his right heel in a crash during Friday's

The day's most serious injury was to Australian Kevin Magee, whose fifth-lap crash forced the race

stable condition last night following successful surgery to remove a blood clot from his brain.

sixth turn — a high-speed left turn just before a steep climb — and was sent flying head first into the dirt

Magee was later reported to be in cricital but

Magee lost control of his Suzuki coming out of the

Magee, 27, lay motionless beside the track, but

Following the two-hour operation Magee was

moved to the hospital's intensive care unit where he

will be monitored closely for the next 48 hours, the

was reported conscious when airlifted by helicopter

to the San Jose Medical Centre 55 miles (88 km)

from the Monterey, California race course.

qualifying and did not race.

family said in a statement.

to be restarted.

blow by Ezra Moseley will be removed

"I think the surgeon is recommending the pins are not taken out so it's going to be very difficult for me to play in Antigua," Gooch said yesterday.

"It feels quite good and there is no real pain, but if I get hit again it could put me back a month. I'm hoping to be fit for the start of the English season.

Scoreboard WEST INDIES first innings 446 (C. Best 164, V. Richards 70) ENGLAND first innings 358 (A. Lamb 119, R. Smith 62, I. Bishop four

for 70)
WEST INDIES second innings (overnight 19-1) G. Greenidge lbw b small......3
D. Haynes c Malcolm b Small......109

R. Richardson lbw b DeFreitas 39 V. Richard c Small b Capel G. Logie low b DeFreitas.

J. Dujon not out. C. Ambrose c Capel b. Defreitas Extras (lb-12 W-1 nb-4). Total (for eight wickets

Fall of wickets: 1-13 2-80 3-109 4-223 5-228 6-238 7-238 8-239. Bowling: Malcolm 10-0-46-6, Small 20-1-74-4, DeFreitas 22-2-69-3, Capel 16-1-66-1.

ENGLAND second innings A. Stewart not out... W. Larkins c Dujon b Ambrose... Small lbw b Ambrose R. Bailey c Dujon b Ambrose ... J. Russell not out

Extras (lb-2) Total (for three wickets)...... Fall of wickets:1-1 2-10 3-10 Bowling (to date): Bishop 4-1-7-1, Ambrose 4-2-6-2, Marshail 1-1-0-0.

Prost clocks fastest time at Imola track

IMOLA, Italy, April 9, (Renter): Alain Prost, in a Ferrari, set a best lap time of one minute 24.75 seconds on the Imola Formula One track during unofficial practice yesterday for the San Marino Grand Prix on May 13. The Frenchman, averaging 214.1

kph, bettered the time set in the morning by his arch rival Ayrton Senna, whose 1:25.13 in a McLaren was just inside the previous best of 1:25.33 the Brazilian set at Imola last March.

Only the Ferrari, McLaren and Williams teams stayed at Imola throughout the week's practice ses-sions which were frequently interrupted by bad weather but ended in bright, dry conditions yes-

Prost said in an interview published yesterday that he will not stay with Ferrari if Senna joins the Italian Prost came to Ferrari earlier this

and his bitter rival Senna, who won the 1988 championship. "It is out of the question that I be with the same team as Senna, at

year after leaving McLaren-Honda

Ferrari or anywhere," Prost was quoted as saying.
"I committed myself to concentrating on giving my best for the 1990

season. For next year I have an option with Ferrari. I have to decide of September," when the name of the second driver will be known.

"If it is Senna, I will say no and Ferrari knows that well," Prost was



Mercedes dominate opener

SUZUKA, Japan, April 9, (Reuter): World sportscar cham-pions Jean-Louis Schlesser of France and Italian Mauro Baldi powered their Mercedes to victory in the opening round of the season yesterday despite being troubled throughout by a fuel leak.

Mercedes, who dominated last year's championship with seven wins in the eight races, also took second place through West German Jochen Mass and Kari Wendlinger of Austria but it was a day of despair for main rivals Jaguar.

Neither of their cars completed the three-hour race. Jan Lammers of the Netherlands and Andy Wallace of Britain retired shortly after the halfway mark and the car of Briton Martin Brundle and Frenchman Alain Ferte broke down five laps from

The defending champions, who completed the 480 kms, 82lap race in two hours 43 minutes 45.420 seconds, took the lead in the 57th lap when they passed the Mercedes of Mass and Wendlin-

The result confirmed Mercedes strength in depth. The team had to abandon plans to use their new Cll car after it was damaged in a crash during practice on Japan's Masahiro Hasemi and

Sweden's Anders Olofsson in a Nissan battled to finish third one



Schlesser splashes champagne on the crowd after his victory. (Reuter wirephoto):

Swedes make perfect start

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, April 9, (Renter): Sweden made a flying start to their bid for a minth European men's team table tennis title yesterday, beating Austria 5-0 despite resting world champion Jan-Ove

Waldner.

Despite their status as world title-holders, the Swedes had been worried about their opening match because of the presence of two strong nese players, Ding Yi and Qian Qianli, in the Austrian team. But the defending champions dropped only two games - both to Ding

- in a swift victory which must have made their other Group B rivals "The others know we must be a very strong team to beat Austria and

their two Chinese 5-0 without Waldner," delighted coach Glenn Osth Waldner, whose form has been patchy since he beat compatriot Jorgen Persson for the world crown in Dortmund a year ago, was rested because

of a stight hand injury but he was not expected to be out of action for long.

Ding, 31, took a game off Olympic bronze medallist Erik Lindh and
one off reigning European singles champion Mikael Appelgren. But
Appelgren stromed back in the deciding game to finish a 12-21 25-2321-6

England, the silver medallists at the 1988 European championships also dropped only two games in winning their opening round-robin match against the Netherlands 5-0 in Group A.

David Waddington expressing outrage at the 'carnage,' and sport and profit." After the deaths of two horses at the end of August or the beginning requesting a public inquiry. which fell at Becher's Brook in The Royal Society for the The death of Roll-a-Joint and 1989, the obstacle was made safer

LONDON, April 9, Reuter: Animal rights campaigners have called for a public inquiry after seven horses were killed at the Aintree Grand National meeting, including two in Saturday's big race won by 16-1 chance Mr

Hungary Hur brought the Grand National fatality toll since 1946 to 26, eight of them at Becher's

John Robins, organising secretary of Animal Concern has written to British Home Secretary (Interior Minister)

Animal rights campaigners express outrage

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) is also seeking a meeting with the Jockey Club, the

sports ruling body in Britain.
Robins said: "We have a
national event that is so well
publicised but the reality is that it is killing animals for the sake of

this year by levelling the landing side and making the water in the ditch much shallower.

back at five-under-par 283, were John Huston and Lanny Wadkins, who fired a 68 to move up from one-under-par.

Faldo beats Floyd in playoff to win Masters again

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 9, (Reuter): Nick Faldo overcame à first-hole double bogey to catch front-runner Raymond Floyd on the last hole yesterday and went on to win his second straight Masters tournament in a sudden-death playoff. Faldo joined Jack Nicklaus

as the only players ever to repeat as Masters champion and the Briton achieved his success just as he had last year — on the 11th green in the second hole of sudden death. A brave charge down

Augusta National's demanding back nine allowed Faldo to overcome an awful start and take full advantage of oppor-tunity when Floyd left him an opening. Faldo, who tied Floyd when

the American bogeyed his 71st hole of regulation, scrambled for par from a bunker on the first playoff hole as Floyd left a 15-foot birdie putt short. When the 47-year-old Floyd

nulled his second shot into the water on the second playoff hole. Faldo was suddenly in the driver's seat.

On in two, Faldo two-putted the 11th from 25 feet, the same distance he covered with one putt last year to beat Scott Hoch with a sudden-death birdie for his first Masters triumph.

"I'm a little more emotional for this one than first one," Faldo said as he was awarded





Faldo raises his arms in victory before receiving a hug from his wife. (Reuter wirephoto)

his second Green Jacket. "I really feet I've made history." After two successive Masters triumphs on the same hole, the lith at Augusta National will always be associated with

Faldo. "I'd like to take it back home with me, piece by piece," he

Faldo birdied 13, 15 and 16 for a 69 that put him in position to take advantage of Floyd's lapse at 17.

Floyd, who at age 43 became the oldest US Open champion in 1986, was trying to supplant Nicklaus as the oldest Masters champion. The Golden Bear was 46 when he won his last of

six titles in 1986.

"It would have meant so much to me you could not imagine," Floyd said. "To be the oldest winner and to win a

Major at my age. "I competed marvellously all week but I did play today the way you need to play to win." Sharing third place, five shots

Fred Couples shot 69 to finish at 284 for fifth place. Nicklans, who repeated as Masters champion in 1966,

began the day five shots back but his three birdies and five bogeys dropped him to sixth place, three-under-par for the tournament.

Faldo caught a fairway bun-ker with his first drive of the day and after taking three putts to finish the hole found himself trailing Floyd by five shots. From there, the 32-year-old Faldo fought his way back. Bir-

dies at holes 2, 7 and 9 pulled him within two before a bogey at 10 dropped him to three shots Then came his final surge,

which began at the par-5 13th, the last hole of Amen Corner, where he narrowly missed an eagle putt before posting a bir-

Another birdie at the par-5 15th was followed by a brilliant 20-foot birdie putt at the par-3 16th that brought him within one stroke of Floyd for the first Floyd, who attacked the

course rathe than nurse his two-shot lead going into the final round, had a scrambling time and reited on his short

He balanced a bogey at the 5th with a birdie at number 8 and when he birdied 12 with a bold downhill putt from off the fringe, Floyd looked like a winner as his lead briefly reached four strokes.

But Floyd ran out of magic in the face of Faldo's determined charge.

At the 17th his approach left him 70 feet from the cup and on the other side of a small hill. His putt rolled about eight feet past the hole and he slid by again to the right coming back to three putt for bosey.

That hole provided another, echo from Faldo's 1989 triumph

when a bogey by Hoch at 17 opened the door for the Briton to tie in regulation. Floyd looked as though he

might lose in regulation when he bit his drive at 18 into a fairway bunker and then put his second shot into greenside sand. Needing a par to tie. Floyd blasted out beautifully and

saved par to force the playoff. The American looked ready to win on the first sudden death hole when he put his approach to within 15 feet, while Faldo's

ball rested in a bunker. But Floyd left his uphill birdie putt short and Faldo got up and down safely to send the playoff to his favourite place — the 11th

Sprint star

LONDON, April 9 (AP): Austream sprint star Carl Levis Expanded ings multi-million dollar rescol a se banned Canadian Ben Johnson yesterday. The tabloid Mail on Sun-day said Lewis, who replaced John-son as Olympic champion in Scotl after the Canadian 100 metre winder. was banned for drugs abuse, decide within the nest few weeks whether they would race.

Sauers triumphs

HATTIESBURG, Miss. Apil 9. (Reuter): Gene Sauers won the \$300,000 Hattiesburg Classic golf tournament by two strokes yest after firing his second consecutive two-under-par 68 for a 12-under 268. total. Jack Ferenz carded a final, round three-under-par 67 to finish at 10-under 270 and claimed second

Monaghan wins POWAY, Calif., April 9, (Reuter):

Kris Monaghan's dream came true yesterday when she shot a final round four-under-par 67 to win the \$300,000 LPGA tournament, her first victory on the US Women's Golf Tour. "This is what I have dreamed about my whole life," said Mon-aghan after finishing at eight-underpar 276, two strokes ahead of Cathy Gerring.

Two-shot victory

VALENCIA, Spain, April 9, (Reuter): Fiji's Vijay Singh won the El Bosque Open golf tournament by two strokes yesterday then paid tribute to his pregnant wife who had accompanied him throughout the four rounds. Singh shot a three-under-par 69 in the final round for a 278 total to win by two strokes from Britons Richard Boxall and Chris

Nascar race

BRISTOL, Tennessee, April 9, (AP): Davey Allison beat Mark Martin in a photo finish yesterday in the Valleydale 500 Nascar race at Bristol International Raceway.

RESULTS of the SAS Bridge Club game played on Sunday. 1st N. Akel & L. Mürthwalte 2nd D. Materny & B. Moussalli 3rd M. Maynard & N. Talins.

Results of the Maharashtra Mandal annual Individual Bridge Tournament played on Friday: 1st Shyam Gokhale 2nd Jayshree Sapre 3rd Jayant Bhagwat 4th Vivek Ketker

5th Anju Javahire

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